

Executive Committee of the Senate
Minutes of September 19, 2003
3:00pm to 5:00pm

PRESENT: Yatin Bhagwat, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Rob Franciosi (vice chair), Richard Hall, Robert Hendersen, Harold Larson, George Lundskow, Sue Martin (ex officio), Jean Nagelkerk (chair), Lisa Rigsby (for Robert Beasecker), Ellen Schendel, Jane Toot (for Paul Leidig), Rachael Voorhees (student), Wendy Wenner (ex officio)

Guests: Teresa Beck, Agnes Britton

1. Approval of Agenda
The agenda was approved, as amended.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes from August 20, August 29 and September 12 will be sent to all ECS senators as an attachment to email.
3. Report from the Chair
 - a. Faculty nominees for the Institutional Marketing committee were announced.
 - b. Reorganization responses from departments were distributed and will be posted on the Faculty Governance website.
 - c. The parking situation has not improved. ECS is waiting for a response from Administration.
 - d. A request was made to Administration for a breakdown of the number of faculty, by department.
4. Report from the Provost
 - a. At the Reorganization meeting held just prior to ECS, the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) were distributed and will be posted on the Faculty Governance website and the Reorganization website.
 - i. The Provost reported that so far she has attended 12 to 14 department meetings and has more scheduled to discuss individual department concerns around reorganization.
 - b. The Provost gave an update on enrollment. She informed the committee how the admission standards have been raised, which should help level off freshmen enrollment.
5. Report from the Student Senate President
 - a. Senator Jay Coopers' daughter was in a very serious car accident and just recently has come out of a coma.
 - b. At the football game there were approximately 5,900 students in attendance with overall attendance at approximately 13,000. GVSU won with a score of 40 to 10 against Ferris State University.
 - c. If there are standing committees that do not currently have student representation, please let Allison Reynolds or Rachael Voorhees know so that the vacancy can be filled.
 - d. The Student Senate Educational Affairs group will be focusing on two areas and what roles they play at GVSU: advising of students and student evaluation of faculty.
 - e. The Student Senate questions what role state legislature has in the review of courses taught at universities.
6. Reports from Standing committees – No Reports
7. Old Business
 - a. Strategic Planning Goals: Steps to Enhance Quality Education
 - i. Advising
 1. Advising Centers
 2. Individual Faculty Advising
 3. Advising message that the students receive through their orientation
 - a. Suggestion that divisional approach is best; each department should come up with the model that works best for them.
 - ii. Freshman Seminar and Orientation (input from student services)
 - b. Workload Equity - Release time equity - Accountability re: release time, unit projections, sabbaticals, administration promises – *NO DISCUSSION*
 - c. Visioning the "next level" – *NO DISCUSSION*

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- d. Crisis preparation to avoid "reduction in force": establishing a "rainy day" fund (being fiscally responsible) – *NO DISCUSSION*
- e. Discuss faculty representation on Deans Council and Budget Committee – *NO DISCUSSION*

8. New Business

- a. Teresa Beck, Chair of Faculty Personnel Policy Committee, presented a summary of the Phased Retirement initiative for faculty for ECS review and discussion. Request to send the FPPC report on Phased Retirement to UAS for their review and recommendation.

ECS MOTION 001/0304: The ECS unanimously recommends forwarding the Faculty Personnel Policy Committees summary of the Phased Retirement initiative for faculty to UAS for their review and recommendation. **Approved:** unanimously.

- b. Doctor of Physical Therapy will be discussed at the September 26, 2003 ECS meeting.
- c. Evaluation of Service Units
 - i. The Academic Affairs division does not evaluate departments or units outside of our division. The Provost will discuss any concerns directly with the Vice President for Finance and Administration.
 - ii. In need of more classroom space & building; important that faculty has an input
 - 1. Administration is looking at space issues; BOT will review. At the present time, 64 offices are shared by 128 faculty.
- d. FPPC Review Tenure Policy – No Discussion

Ideas for Future Fora

- Workload Equity and Enlarging Regular Faculty
- The "Next Level": What is it?

Reorganizaton

- Faculty Forum Debriefing
 - The Chair reviewed what took place at the Faculty Forum today and will update her PowerPoint presentation based on the questions people had.
 - Lisa Haight will post faculty responses on the Faculty Governance website.
- Compilation of Faculty Feedback – NO DISCUSSION
- FPPC Reorganization report
 - Teresa Beck, Chair of FPPC, presented a summary of the impact reorganization will have on Faculty Personnel Policies. FPPC's view is that the impact would be minimal since the process is not changing and personnel decisions will remain with the unit just as it is now.
 - A review for joint appointments is the area the committee will study next.
- The University Curriculum Committee chair will present the UCC view of the Reorganization effort at the meeting on September 26, 2003.

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Proposed Agenda

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5. Report from the Student Senate President
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8. New Business
 - a. Phased Retirement (FPPC) – 3:00pm to 3:30pm
 - b. Doctor of Physical Therapy (09/26/03)
 - c. Evaluation of Service Units

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Reorganization (4:00pm to 5:00pm)

- Faculty Forum Debriefing
- Compilation of Faculty Feedback
- *FPPC Reorganization report (9/19/03) - Teresa Beck*
- UCC Reorganization report 9/26/03
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