

# Grand Valley State University

## Executive Committee of the Senate

### Minutes of January 14, 2011

**Present:** Yatin Bhagwat, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Roger Ferguson, Joe Godwin (ex officio), Cynthia Grapzynski, Brian Hatzel, Bob Hendersen, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Nancy Levenburg (Vice Chair), Jarrett Martus (Student Senate President), Figen Mekik, Kristine Mullendore (Chair), Chuck Pazdernik, Ellen Schendel, Lynn Sheehan, Kathleen Underwood, Roger Wilson

**Guests:** Robert Adams, Teresa Bacon-Baguley, Lawrence Burns, Maria Cimitile, Kurt Ellenburger, Roger Gilles, Julie Guevara, C. "Griff" Griffin, Caryn King, Loretta Konecki, Jeffrey Pottegier, John Stevenson, Michael Wambach, Russell Wolff

The meeting was Called to Order at 3:04

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions	
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of January 14, 2011 was reviewed.	The Agenda of January 14, 2011 was approved.	
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of December 10, 2010 were reviewed.	The Minutes of December 10, 2010 were approved as submitted.	
3. Report of Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Chair reported the Strategic Planning committee met on January 13 and made good progress and will meet again on January 25, 2011. It is expected that a draft will be completed this term and brought to ECS for its consideration.</li> <li>b) The Chair reported that editorial changes were made to the faculty personnel policy language approved at UAS regarding proposed changes to the review policy for the Professor rank after input from University Counsel. Details will be provided at the UAS meeting on January 28 which will occur before the policies are presented to the Board of Trustees at their February 11, 2011 meeting.</li> </ul>		
4. Report of Provost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Provost Davis reported that that state budget allocation for higher education remains uncertain. She further reported that President Haas met with Governor Snyder, and while there is potential for a 10-15% cut in the 2011-12 academic year, a mid-year cut for 2010-11 is not anticipated.</li> <li>b) Provost Davis reported that enrollment is strong and applications for admission for the 2011-12 academic year are up by 30% versus this time last year, with minority applications increasing in number.</li> </ul>		

<p>5. Report of the Student Senate President</p>	<p>a) Student Senate President Martus reported that he received word that Allendale township is considering an ordinance that would allow communities to have their residents vote each year on whether to limit the number of people renting a unit within their neighborhood. Updates will be presented as they are known.</p> <p>b) Student Senate President Martus reported that he recently met with Professor David Cannon regarding student governance models.</p>		
<p>6. Report from the Standing Committee Chairs / Task Forces / Committee Representatives</p>	<p>a) An overview of the GEC proposal to drop the Basic Skills designations as a separate "University Requirement" and instead achieve those proficiencies within the General Education program itself that was distributed earlier was discussed. During discussion, it was agreed by consensus edit the document by removing the phrase, "<i>that is, students who currently consider themselves to be seniors</i>" from the proposal language.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to forward the General Education Committee's proposal to the University Academic Senate as revised at this meeting for their consideration.  <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p>b) The FPPC Proposal to modify Chapter 4 of <u>Administrative Manual</u> and <u>Faculty Handbook</u> to provide for the application of the new "time to promotion" policy to Senior Librarians that was distributed earlier was discussed.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to forward the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee proposal to the University Academic Senate for their consideration.</p> <p>c) The FPPC response to their Committee Charge regarding modification of faculty grievance process that was distributed earlier was discussed.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to forward the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee response to their committee charge regarding modification of faculty grievance processes to the University Academic Senate for their consideration.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the General Education Committee proposal, as revised at this meeting, to the University Academic Senate for their consideration.  <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee proposal to the University Academic Senate for their consideration.  <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee response to their committee charge regarding modification of faculty grievance processes to the University Academic Senate for their consideration.</p>	

	<p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to include a recommendation of support for the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee response to their committee charge regarding modification of faculty grievance processes when the item is forwarded to the University Academic Senate.</p> <p>The FSBC Compensation Review report that was distributed earlier was discussed.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> that having heard the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee Compensation Review Report, the Executive Committee of the Senate sends it back to FBSC for clarification and to address inconsistencies in the proposal language and other areas of concern raised at this meeting.</p>	<p><b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate includes a recommendation of support for the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee response to their committee charge regarding modification of faculty grievance processes, when the material is forwarded to the University Academic Senate for their consideration.</p> <p><b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate, having heard the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee Compensation Review Report sends it back to FBSC for clarification and to address inconsistencies in the proposal language and other areas of concern raised at this meeting.</p> <p><b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>	
7. Old Business	No Items on Agenda		
8. New Business	<p>a) Russell Wolff, Directory of Security for Pew Campus and Regional Centers, presented an overview of closing procedures and answered questions raised from the floor.</p> <p>b) An overview of the review process that has occurred on the New Programs Council review of CoE Prospectus offering an Ed. D. degree (Higher Education Instruction and Policy Emphasis with concentrations in Health Professions, Human Service Professions, and Education) was presented and a request made by the ECS Chair for ECS members to consult in the review of this program proposal, as is permitted by the new review policy. One of the questions raised at the initial New Program Council meeting on this program in December was its possible impact on the NCA university accreditation status. Dr. Julie Guevara presented a summary of her conversation with the university's Higher Learning Commission liaison indicating that the new program would have to undergo a focused accreditation visit.</p>		

	<p>An overview of the history of the development of the proposal was presented and questions posed from the floor answered by Drs. Cynthia Grapzycnski, Caryn King, and Michael Wambach.</p> <p>During discussion it was noted that it is beneficial for proposers to hear concerns prior to developing a final plan and that this consultation process was intended to provide that input. Operational definitions for the proposed Professional Doctorate will need to be developed and disseminated as this proposal is developed.</p> <p>c) 2010 <u>Faculty Handbook</u> Task Force report on proposed <u>Faculty Handbook</u> revisions involving policy changes.</p> <p>d) Establishing system to gather ideas from faculty for more efficient use of university resources</p>	<p>No Discussion</p> <p>No Discussion</p>	
<p>9. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 5:04pm</p>		