

Grand Valley State University Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of February 17, 2017

Present: Christine Beaudoin (for Tonya Parker), Shawn Bultsma, Salvador Lopez-Arias, Danielle DeMuth (for Wendy Burns-Ardolino), Kurt Fanning (for James Sanford), Ella Fritzeimer (Student Senate President), Karen Gipson (Chair), Jon Hodge, Nancy Levenburg, George Lundskow, Felix Ngassa (Vice Chair), Mary O’Kelly, Samhita Rhodes, Melissa Tallman, Dan Vaughn, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel

Absent:

Ex Officio: Gayle Davis, Maria Cimitile, Kathy Gulembo

Guests: Fred Antczak, Marty Abramson, Anne Belanger, Marie McKendall, Chuck Pazdernik, Vandana Pednekar-Magal, Walter Schaub

The meeting was called to order at 3:02PM.

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of February 17, 2017 was reviewed.	The Agenda of February 17, 2017 was amended by consensus.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of February 3, 2017 were reviewed.	The Minutes of February 3, 2017 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair provided an update on the special meeting of the Equity and Inclusion Taskforce to address the additional charge from ECS. She also reported that the provost search committee has the same composition as the search continues. The upcoming schedule and agenda items were discussed.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Davis introduced Annie Belanger, new dean of University Libraries. Provost Davis reported on the budget unease at the state level, but further noted that GVSU has high ranking performance for which the governor recommended additional funding. She noted that a tuition cap of 3.8% is recommended by the governor; however, the Board of Trustees will determine the final amount of tuition. Provost Davis additionally reported that the Board of Trustees approved the	

	<p>Doctorate in Audiology. She further noted that the Board of Trustees will have additional review of curriculum, along with the Higher Learning Commission.</p>	
5. Report from Student Senate	<p>Student Senate President Fritzemeier reported that Student Senate election packets will be distributed on Monday. She also reported on various Student Senate initiatives including: hosting Student Senate week, beginning the budget process, and a school supplies drive for Grand Rapids Public Schools. She further reported that the Student Senate VP of Diversity Affairs stepped down due to schedule and has been replaced.</p>	
6. Old Business	<p>a. Student Walter Schaub presented an overview of the Student Senate request for syllabi on department websites and demonstrated a syllabus archive on the Psychology website. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to charge APSC with exploring the idea of creating a repository of Syllabi.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate charges the Academic Policy and Standards Committee with exploring the idea of creating a repository of Syllabi. APPROVED 13 Yes, 3 No, 1 Abstention</p>
7. New Business	<p>a. Karen Gipson led discussion on whether GVSU should participate in the Faculty Time Survey that was distributed earlier to be conducted by the University of Maryland.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to make the survey available to GVSU faculty and those who wish to participate may do so.</p> <p>b. A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to untable discussion on the FPPC memo regarding ABD faculty was distributed earlier.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports making the survey available to GVSU faculty and those who wish to participate may do so. APPROVED 13 Yes, 3 No, 1 Abstention</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate untables the discussion on the FPPC memo regarding ABD faculty was distributed earlier. APPROVED 9 Yes; 7 No</p>

	<p>Marie McKendall presented an overview of the FPPC memo regarding ABD faculty that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to approve the FPPC memo regarding ABD faculty with changes made at the meeting, including changing <i>proof of dissertation defense being scheduled</i> to <i>proof that dissertation is completed</i> and adding language that exceptions can be made at the discretion of provost.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to forward to UAS with a recommendation of support.</p> <p>c. Discussion was heard on the intent of <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language at 2.01.A.1.a.ii.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to combine the next agenda item with this one. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to switch the order of discussion of agenda items.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate approves the changes made at the meeting, including changing <i>proof of dissertation defense being scheduled</i> to <i>proof that dissertation is completed</i> and adding language that exceptions can be made at the discretion of provost. APPROVED 16 Yes, 1 No</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the FPPC memo regarding ABD faculty to UAS with a recommendation of support. APPROVED 13 Yes, 2 No, 3 Abstentions</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate combines discussion of the next agenda item with this one. FAILED</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate switches the order of discussion of agenda items. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
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	<p>d. Vandana Pednekar-Magal presented a statement regarding the faculty request from the School of Communication that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to extend by 15 minutes.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to send a memo to the Provost with the language presented below.</p> <p><i>ECS believes that the 2016-17 restructuring of School of Communications was not conducted in a manner consistent with the principles of shared governance.</i></p> <p><i>We believe that the reorganization was inconsistent with the implications of section 2.10.A.1.a.ii of the Faculty Handbook. Furthermore, the Unit Head selection processes stated in section 1.04.B of the Faculty Handbook were not followed.</i></p> <p><i>In the interest of maintaining the healthy and vibrant shared governance system in which we take pride, ECS urges that the procedures in the Faculty Handbook be followed at all times.</i></p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to forward the memo language presented at the meeting to UAS for additional consideration.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate extends the meeting by 15 minutes. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports sending a memo to the provost with the language as presented at the meeting. APPROVED 8 Yes, 4 No, 3 Abstentions</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the memo language presented at the meeting to UAS for additional consideration. APPROVED 12 Yes, 3 No</p>
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:17pm	