

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of September 7, 2012

Present: Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Paul Cornish (for Chuck Pazdernik), Cary Countryman, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Cory DiCarlo (Vice Chair), Kurt Fanning (for Yatin Bhagwat), Karen Gipson, Joe Godwin (ex officio), Cynthia Grapczynski, Robert Hendersen, John P. Iott (Student Senate President), Nancy Levenburg, Colleen Lewis (for Tonya Parker), Figen Mekik (Chair), Jag Nandigam, Lynn Sheehan, Deana Weibel

Guests: President Haas, Kurt Ellenberger, Dwight Hamilton, Jeanne Arnold, Natalia Gomez

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions	
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 7, 2012 was reviewed.	A Motion was made, seconded and approved to add "Remarks from President Haas" as an agenda item. The Agenda was approved as amended.	
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of April 20, 2012 were reviewed.	The Minutes of April 20, 2012 were approved as amended.	
3. Report of Chair	The Chair announced various reappointments and contract renewals and also reported on upcoming agenda items.		
4. Report of Provost	<p>a. Provost Davis reported a total enrollment of 24,564 for Fall 2012, and announced the largest number of First-Time-In-Any-College students (FTIACs) in the history of Grand Valley, with a count of 4,005. She also reported an overall retention rate of 81%.</p> <p>b. Provost Davis further reported she will hold "town-hall" type meetings to discuss focus topics, with additional information announced at a later date.</p> <p>c. Provost Davis reported a smooth start to the year and answered questions from the floor regarding retention, MapWorks, and other topics.</p>		
5. Report of the Student Senate President	<p>a. Student Senate President Jack Iott reported that the first meeting of the Student Senate was held yesterday, All positions on Student Senate are expected to be filled by October 1; the student senate is in process of filling university committees. He further reported that work continues on graduate student representation.</p> <p>b. The West Michigan Mental Health Association is the designated</p>		

	<p>charity for the Battle of Valleys with Saginaw State.</p> <p>c. Mr. Iott further reported that the student senate is focusing on ways to make the MLK Jr. holiday a day “on” for students even though classes will not be held.</p> <p>d. Mr. Iott reported that he attended a conference in South Dakota on American Public Transportation. Contact Mr. Iott directly for additional information.</p>		
6. New Business	<p>a. The Chair presented brief summary of the Senate’s use of Robert’s Rules of Order. A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> affirming senate’s use of Robert’s Rules of Order for 2012-13.</p> <p>b. Dwight Hamilton reported on the Consensual Relationship Policy and Religious Accommodation Policy which were distributed earlier. Discussion was heard and questions answered from the floor.</p> <p>c. Kurt Ellenberger presented an overview of the recommended changes to baseline expectations and answered questions from the floor.</p> <p>Clarification was requested on what common unit of measure should be used (hours, credits, credit hours, etc), and a recommendation was made to have baseline recommendations and definitions available.</p> <p>d. Sociology Department Personnel Procedures <i><Not Discussed></i></p> <p>e. Fall Forum <i><Not Discussed></i></p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate affirms the use of Robert’s Rules of Order for 2012-13. APPROVED Unanimously.</p>	
7. Remarks from President Haas	<p>President Haas welcomed all faculty and encouraged everyone to attend the forums and discussions presented by Provost Davis. He stressed the importance of building key relationships across campus with students and colleagues across all areas of the university to mentor students effectively.</p> <p>He acknowledged the “leading and lagging” indicators and urged redoubling efforts on retention through advising, building relationships, rigor in the classroom and holding students accountable.</p> <p>President Haas answered questions from the floor related to the budget and development. He suggested inviting Karen Loth, Vice President for Development to make a presentation at senate.</p>		
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:04pm		

