

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of September 14, 2012

Present: Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Maria Cimitile (ex officio), Cary Countryman, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Cory DiCarlo (Vice Chair), Kurt Fanning (for Yatin Bhagwat), Nancy Giardina (ex officio), Karen Gipson, Joe Godwin (ex officio), Cynthia Grapczynski, Bob Hendersen, Jack Iott (Student Senate President), Sharon Leder, Nancy Levenburg, Figen Mekik, Jag Nandigam, Tonya Parker, Chuck Pazdernik, Lynn Sheehan, Deana Weibel, Roger Wilson

Guests: Marshall Battani, Abby Bedford, Carol Griffin, Keith Rhodes

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions	
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 14, 2012 was reviewed.	The Agenda was approved.	
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of September 7, 2012 were reviewed.	The Minutes of September 7, 2012 were approved.	
3. Report of Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Chair reported that she will prepare the final minutes for distribution to the senate so they may be sent out on Mondays, along with the next meeting agenda and any relevant supporting material. She will craft the final minutes based on the draft minutes received after the meetings. b. The Chair queried the group on whether they would like to have a "happy hour" after the meetings on Friday. c. Vacancies on the committees at the college and university level were noted. All faculty are asked to encourage their colleagues to be more active on standing committees and other university committees. She also reported that Yatin Bhagwat is on sabbatical this semester and is replaced by Kurt Fanning d. Announcements on reappointments and upcoming agenda items and noted items are posted on the Blackboard site for review. 		
4. Report of Provost	<p>No Report.</p> <p>Provost Davis answered questions from the floor.</p>		
5. Report of the Student Senate President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Student Senate President Jack Iott updated his report from last week. Mr. Iott answered questions from the floor related to student senate representatives on the various university committees and the inclusion of graduate students as committee representatives. He further reported that the Student Senate Vice President of Educational Affairs is Katie Carlson. 		
6. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Marshall Battani presented a brief overview of changes requested in the Sociology Department Personnel Procedures that were distributed 	MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate, on behalf of the University Academic	

	<p>earlier.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to approve this proposal on behalf of UAS. Discussion.</p> <p>b. Abby Bedford presented a brief overview of the material distributed earlier on the recommendation by the APSC to make changes to the AP Placement scores. Discussion. There were several recommendations made from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to send this back to APSC for reconsideration and revision.</p> <p>c. Recommendations were made from the floor regarding forum topics. Suggestions include having sessions on women in academia, family/work balance, online courses, and what “part-time” means. Provost Davis announced that her office would be willing to co-sponsor or co-present at any forum.</p> <p>d. Announcements were made from the floor, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Mendelsohn will present “Medea on the Jersey Shore: Tragedy and the Crisis of Reality in Contemporary Culture,” on Thursday, September 20 at 7pm as part of the Grand Valley Fall Arts Celebration. • Dana Munk was selected as the Director of Part-Time Faculty Support Services in the Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center. • The Tenure and Promotion Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, September 20. • The first happy hour is set for October 5. Further details will be announced. • The Grand Rapids Press reported that Grand Valley students pass rate ranked 19th in the country for large programs, which puts the university in the top five percent. 	<p>Senate, approves the proposed changes to the Sociology Department Personnel Procedures. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate returns the proposed changes to AP scores to the Academic Policies and Standards Committee for reconsideration and revision. APPROVED Unanimously</p>	
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:35pm		