

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of January 11, 2008

Present: David Bair, John Bender, Yatin Bhagwat, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Roger Ferguson, Rob Franciosi (Chair), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Richard Hall (for Nancy Levenburg), Robert Hendersen, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Jean Martin, Kristine Mullendore (Vice Chair), Ellen Schendel, Steven Schlicker, Robert Schoofs, Kathleen Underwood, Jereon Wagendorp, Roy Winegar,

Guests: Fred Antczak, Nancy Giardina, Stephen Glass, Vadana Pednagar-Magal, Wendy Wenner

The meeting was called to order at 3:06

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of was reviewed.	The agenda of January 11, 2008 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of November 30, 2007 were reviewed	The Minutes of November 30, 2007 were approved, as amended.
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that the Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory Committee have established a regular meeting time of Mondays from 3pm to 5pm beginning Fall 2008.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that all university committees will be asked to identify/establish regular meeting times so this information can be added to the ballots during college elections.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that the refreshed Strategic Positioning document is posted online. He further reported that both he and Vice Chair Mullendore have been attending the Strategic Positioning 2010 meetings.</p> <p>d) The Chair reported that as a means to meet one of the senate strategic goals of improving communication between governance and faculty, new faculty members will be invited to special "meet and greet" opportunities with ECS members this term.</p> <p>e) The Chair asked that senators continue to share the proposed tenure standards with their colleagues and direct any questions or feedback to him. He will announce at the next UAS meeting that the first hour will be discussion of the Tenure issue.</p> <p>f) The Chair reported that a pair of Faculty Fora on Teaching Effectiveness, co-sponsored with the Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center, are scheduled for Friday, February 1. The forum in Allendale runs from 12Noon to 1:15pm in 2250 Kirkhof Center; the forum in Grand Rapids runs from 2pm to 3:15 in 203D DeVos Center.</p>	
4. Report of Provost	a) Provost Davis asked for a change in her report in the November 30,	

	<p>2007 Minutes, which was noted and the minutes will be so revised.</p> <p>b) Provost Davis reported that the student credit hours increased 0.6% since last year. The head count is up 1.3%. She further reported that the Winter enrollment is 22,315.</p> <p>c) Provost Davis reported that the BlackBoard problems are being addressed by increasing memory capabilities and moving the system to a different server.</p> <p>d) Provost Davis reported that four candidates for the Dean of Health Professions will be on campus in January 15, January 29, and January 31. She further reported that the search for a Dean of Community and Public Service is underway, with advertisements posted for the position.</p>	
<p>5. Report of Student Senate President</p>	<p>No Report</p>	
<p>6. NEW Business</p>	<p>a) The Faculty Teaching and Learning Center Advisory Committee has requested that a university Task Force be established by the Provost to study and make recommendations on student evaluation of teaching. The Chair asked senators to let him know of any specific areas of concern for them to address. A recommendation was made from the floor that they investigate the option of adopting a nationally "normed" form, or regionally "normed" form, and to consider ways to increase the student response rate as well as to establish appropriate protocols for administration of the forms. Another recommendation that was made was to have the Task Force have at least one ECS member on it, as well as representative from IT, Statistics and the Social Sciences.</p> <p>b) <u>International Communications Minor Prospectus.</u> - The Chair presented an overview of the status of the prospectus to date. Vandana Pednagar-Magal identified the highlights of the proposal and thanked ECS for the invitation to present the proposal. She reported that even though the proposal was written several years ago it is still relevant. Discussion.</p> <p>It was moved and seconded to recommend that UAS support the development of a final plan.</p>	<p>MOTION – The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the International Communications Minor Prospectus and will forward it on to the University Academic Senate recommending it for their action. Approved Unanimously by voice vote.</p>

<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the School of Accounting Final Plan and forwards it to the University Academic Senate, with a recommendation that it be approved. Approved Unanimously by voice vote.</p>	
<p>c) <u>School of Accounting Prospectus/Final Plan</u> The Chair reminded the senators of the School of Accounting Prospectus that was discussed at an earlier ECS meeting. He noted that it includes a request for waivers, which, if granted, would result in it being forwarded to ECS in its present form as a Final Plan. He also noted that FSBC and UCC have reviewed the plan and provided memos indicating their endorsement.</p> <p>It was moved and seconded to grant the requested waivers and to forward it to UAS as a Final Plan with a recommendation that it be approved.</p>	
<p>d) <u>Memo from Dean Antczak regarding the Religious Studies Major and Minor</u> The Chair presented an overview of the memo from Dean Antczak that was distributed earlier. In the memo, he made three requests of ECS 1) that the memo be shared with ECS; 2) that the CLAS Curriculum Committee and CLAS Faculty Council be provided with copies of the current planning documents for their review; and, 3) that CLAS governance bodies be afforded the opportunity to review and provide input to the Final Plan. He noted that by distributing it to ECS he has complied with the first request. Discussion</p> <p>During discussion, clarity was requested on what actually comprises a Prospectus versus a Final Plan. A recommendation was also made that curriculum policies and processes be reviewed and revised to establish review methods to provide appropriate curriculum review of program proposals that are interdisciplinary and that contain courses in more than one College. There was agreement that further discussion of this issue is necessary.</p> <p>It was agreed that the CLAS Curriculum Committee and the CLAS Faculty Council will be provided the materials to review so that they may provide feedback to CoS before March 1, 2008.</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	

