

# University Academic Senate Grand Valley State University

January 18, 2008

**PRESENT:** Majd Al-Mallah, Kirt Anderson, Charles Baker-Clark, John Bender, Yatin Bhagwat, Matt Boelkins, Shawn Bultsma, Sigrid Danielson, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Kurt Fanning, Frank Foster (Student), Kurt Fanning, Rob Franciosi (Chair), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Gabriele Gottlieb, Cynthia Grapczynski, Jennifer Gross, Robert Hendersen, Soon Hong, Hugh Jack, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Brian Kingshott, Sharon Leder, Nancy Levenburg, Neil MacDonald, Jean Martin, Linda McCrea, William Morison, Kristine Mullendore (Vice Chair), Jason Muller (Student), Paul Plotkowski (ex officio), Ross Reynolds, James Sanford, Ellen Schendel, Steven Schlicker, Robert Schoofs, John Stevenson, Kerry Sugrue, Jeroen Wagendorp, Deana Weibel, Roy Winegar

**GUESTS:** Teresa Beck, David Cannon, Stephen Goldberg, Julie Guevara, Aaron Haight

**Called to order at 3:01.**

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of January 8, 2008 was reviewed.	The agenda of January 18, 2008 was approved
2. Minutes approval	Review of Minutes of December 7, 2007.	The minutes of December 7, 2007 were approved as amended.
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that 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> <p>b) The Chair reported that the refreshed Strategic Plan that the 2010 Strategic Positioning Committee is working on is available on online at the GVSU web site. Both he and Vice Chair Mullendore are members of this committee and are attending the meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22 to prepare the final version of the "refreshed" strategic plan for the Board of Trustees review. It will also be included as part of the documents submitted for the upcoming NCA Accreditation visit.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that in discussions with the Provost it was agreed that for the next round of college elections for service on the Faculty Governance committees and the Provost's Office committees they will be more clearly identifiable under each category. While creating this clearer distinction the committees will also be reviewed to see if they are still essential to determine if any should be proposed to be eliminated.</p>	

<p>4. Report of Provost</p>	<p>a) Provost Davis reported that Winter 2008 enrollment is 22,443, with the number of credit hours generated up 1% since Winter 2007. She also reported that diversity in the student population has increased slightly.</p> <p>b) Provost Davis reported that the state budget appropriations from the past years may be made up by the state, which would narrow the deficit for GVSU.</p> <p>The Chair added that the first Faculty Awards Convocation and a reception are scheduled for February 7, 2008 from 4pm to 6pm in the Cook-DeWitt Center. This will become an annual event to celebrate the accomplishment of faculty.</p> <p>The Chair also announced that the "Ragtime" musical will be performed at GVSU beginning on February 1.</p>
<p>5. Report of Student Senate President</p>	<p>a) Student Senate President Foster introduced Kerry Sugrue and Jason Muller as student senate representatives to ECS/UAS for Winter term 2008.</p> <p>b) Student Senate President Foster reported that the Student Senate is hosting a meeting on February 23 focusing on sustainability to increase the environmental awareness of the GVSU community and promote recycling and other sustainability initiatives.</p> <p>b) Student Senate President Foster reported that the Student Senate is sponsoring a reception for students to meet the new Vice President for Inclusion and Equity, Dr. Jeanne Arnold, this evening in the Pere Marquette Room of Kirkhof Center.</p> <p>c) The Student Legacy scholarship committee is continuing to seek opportunities for funding with a target fund raising goal of \$30,000.</p> <p>d) The Student Senate is continuing its work with Union High School to develop a Student Council at that school, which will serve as a model for a similar initiative at Grand Rapids Central High School.</p> <p>e) Mr. Foster reminded UAS that the President's Ball is scheduled for Friday, February 1, at the DeVos Place Ballroom beginning with cocktails at 5:30pm and dinner at 6:00pm.</p>
<p>6. New Business</p>	<p>a) Ms. Aaron Haight, Assistant Director in the Office of Student Life, presented an overview of ways faculty can become more involved with Student Life and also collaborate with student organizations through outreach programs or advising. Ms. Haight reported that Student Life is working on ways to improve and increase faculty/student interactions both in supporting the university's valuing of faculty work in this area and supporting faculty who are involved.</p>

Ms Haight reported that she also works with the Transitions program and that, as the Chair-elect to the AP committee for 2008-09, hopes to work more closely with the Senate in the future. A flyer was distributed with additional contact information.

b) Dr. Steve Goldberg, Chair of the Accounting Department, and Dr. Dave Cannon, faculty member of the Accounting Department, presented an overview of the School of Accounting Final Plan that proposes changing its status and name from a department to a school. The Accounting Department is accredited separately from the Seidman College of Business. This change would facilitate its work in these areas. They reported that the proposal has no financial impact or need for curriculum changes. It should also assist with recruitment of faculty and students, as well as aiding in the placement of graduates.

It was noted that the Faculty Handbook does not have a specified definition of "school", nor does it always accurately reflect the different use of the word since Reorganization in 2003. Dr. Cannon noted the difference between an 'independent school' and schools within colleges that contributes to this confusion. One example that was provided for when the term school has been used is where an array of programs that are related are located in the same unit.

A proposal was made that the motion to approve the request from Accounting be amended to reflect the reason for the name change is to become an accredited program. This proposal was without support.

The Question was Called.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Department of Accounting in the Seidman College of Business being designated as a School of Accounting.

A motion was made and seconded recommending that a task force

**MOTION: Call the Question.  
Approved, by voice, with one in opposition.**

**MOTION: The University Academic Senate approves the Department of Accounting in the Seidman College of Business being designated as a School of Accounting.  
Approved unanimously by voice vote.**