

Faculty Salary and Budget Committee
Minutes of January 25, 2008

Present: Ed Aboufadel, Teresa Bacon-Baguley, Larry Burns (Chair), Doug Busman, Marinius DeBruine, Gregg Dimkoff, Joe Godwin (ex officio), Paul Johnson, Fran Kelleher, Donijo Robbins, Paul Stephenson, Elaine VanDoren, Xandra Xu

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 12:01pm

2. The members of the committee introduced themselves.

3. There were no Minutes for review.

4. Announcements

a) The Chair announced that the CPI figure for December 2006 through December 2007 is 3.8%.

b) The Chair announced that based on the electronic voting tally, Donijo Robbins is the FSBC Chair-elect for Fall 2008.

5. Memo to ECS/UAS regarding Prospecti/Final Plans

The proposed memo distributed earlier was discussed. The Chair reported that this memo has been shared with the University Curriculum Committee, who have agreed with the arrangement as proposed in the memo. The Chair further reported that the work drafted by past committees can be built upon, so a new task force would not have to start from scratch.

During discussion a question was raised as to whether or not Final Plans and Prospectuses could be developed online, and what the purview of the FSBC would be under that scenario. For instance, a checklist could be constructed to make sure the budgetary aspects of each proposal are systematically evaluated to assess whether a proposal was judged to be fiscally sound and well-developed enough to go forward.

6. The Chair reported that he will request additional information on differential tuition at GVSU for further review and committee discussion.

7. During discussion on tuition reciprocity waivers for faculty and dependents attend Michigan public universities, the Chair announced that a motion will

be developed to present at the next meeting. Graduate-level tuition waivers will be included in the motion.

8. The issue of whether stipends should be inflation-linked was discussed. During discussion it was noted that given the different circumstances within each college or unit this would be nearly impossible to govern or regulate. In addition, stipends for unit heads are contracted and should be considered an administrative function.
9. The meeting adjourned @ 1:32pm