

# Grand Valley State University

## Executive Committee of the Senate

### Minutes of October 12, 2007

**Present:** David Bair, John Bender, Yatin Bhagwat, Katie Cross (Student), Rob Franciosi (Chair), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Robert Hendersen, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Paul Leidig, Nancy Levenburg, Jean Martin, Kristine Mullendore (Vice Chair), John Peck, Ellen Schendel, Steven Schlicker, Robert Schoofs, Kathleen Underwood, Jeroen Wagendorp, Roy Winegar.

The meeting was called to order at 3:08.

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of October 12, 2007 was reviewed.	The agenda of October 12, 2007 was approved
2. Approval of Minutes	Review of Minutes of September 21, 2007.  Review of Minutes of May 16, 2007.	The Minutes of September 21, 2007 were approved.  The Minutes of May 16, 2007 were approved.
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair announced that open meetings with the candidates for the Vice President for Inclusion and Equity have been scheduled for next week Monday and Tuesday. Further information can be found on the university website.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that he has been receiving comments and questions from faculty regarding privacy policies refer these to the University Counsel's Office for response. He noted that there were some questions raised regarding the use of student work in faculty portfolios.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that he attended a CLAS Faculty Council meeting. One issue discussed was the number of administration committees that do not meet regularly and it a lack of clarity as to function of some of these committees. The suggestions was made that the number of faculty representatives from CLAS needed for these committees should be lowered given the quantity of committees faculty currently asked to serve on them.</p>	
4. Report of Provost	In the absence of Provost Davis Vice-provost John Jellema indicated that there was no report from the Office of the Provost. Some questions were raised concerning the planning processes involved in the new Starbucks coffee shop in the DeVos Center as to its size, location, and increased costs over prior services. It was noted that similar changes were also made in other buildings at the Allendale campus.	
5. Report of Student Senate President	c) Katie Cross, Student Senator, reported that the student senate is hosting a food service focus group and stated that she will bring these issues to that group to obtain student input. More	

	<p>information will be provided at a later date.</p> <p>Other initiatives that they have underway include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- raising thirty thousand dollars for the Battle of the Valleys</li> <li>- increasing voter registration among GVSU students</li> <li>- hosting a Passport fair.</li> <li>- support of the proposed Women and Gender Studies Major</li> <li>- establishing a student life legacy scholarship</li> <li>- improving alumni relations</li> <li>- hosting a Sustainability Week to increase environmental awareness</li> </ul>	
<p>d) New Business</p>	<p>a) The Chair presented an overview of the history of the Course Repeat Policy from the Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC). A memo from the APSC Chair that had been distributed earlier was discussed at length. It was noted that there were some editorial changes that needed to be made for clarification and consistency, and some questions were raised about the impact of the proposed policy when students repeat courses where the intent is to replace a passing grade with a Credit grade were noted. The ECS Chair will consult with the APSC Chair to obtain clarification and distribute a revised policy for review at the next meeting of ECS.</p> <p>b) In response to a memo from the Provost's Office, discussion was held regarding the meaning of the word "normally" under 4.2.00.8.1 of the Faculty Handbook concerning College Personnel Committee (CPC) recommendations in Personnel decision. Specifically, when the CPC personnel action recommendation conflicts with the Unit Personnel Committee's recommendation. The Chair stated that he queried the Chairs of the CPC's to gauge how often this occurs, and reported summaries from each college indicating that these do not occur very often. After further discussion, it was agreed that this issue should be sent to the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC) for further review.</p> <p>c) <u>Handbook Protocol</u> NO DISCUSSION</p> <p>d) <u>Academic Integrity Forum (Update)</u> NO DISCUSSION</p>	<p>The ECS Chair will consult with the APSC Chair to clarify and distribute a revised policy for review.</p> <p>The issue of how cases are dealt with when the College Personnel Committee (CPC) recommendations, conflicts with the Unit personnel recommendation will be sent back to the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC) for further review.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 4:59pm</p>	