

# University Academic Senate Grand Valley State University

October 5, 2007

**PRESENT:** Majd Al-Mallah, Kirk Anderson, John Bender, Matt Boelkins, Sean Bultsma, Lee Copenhaver, Sigrid Danielson, Kurt Fanning (for Lara Kessler), Roger Ferguson, Frank Foster (Student), Rob Franciosi (Chair), Julie Garrison, Joe Godwin (ex.officio), Jennifer Gross, Brian Hatzel, Robert Hendersen, Soon Hong, Hugh Jack, Jon Jellema (ex.officio), Paul Keenlance, Brian Kingshott, Sharon Leder, Jean Martin, William Morison, Kristine Mullendore (Vice Chair), Harvey Nikkel, Tonya Parker, Ross Reynolds, Jim Sanford, Ellen Schendel, Steven Schlicker, Steve Smith (for Charles Baker-Clark), John Stevenson, Jeroen Wagendorp, Deana Weibel, Roy Winegar

**GUESTS:** Pat Oldt, Vice President for Equity and Planning

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action/Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of October 5, 2007 was reviewed.	The agenda of October 5, 2007 was approved.
2. Minutes approval	Review of Minutes of September 7, 2007.	The minutes of September 7, 2007 were approved, as amended.
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that the search for the Vice President for Inclusion and Equity is progressing well. Candidates are expected to be on campus the week of October 15. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that he has received questions from faculty regarding privacy issues related to the Banner system that were requested at earlier ECS and UAS meetings. He will share these concerns with the University Counsel's office, which include topics such as confidentiality issues and the proper use of G-numbers. Faculty are asked to send any additional concerns or questions to the ECS Chair and they will be presented to the University Counsel.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that at the last ECS meeting Disability Support Services (DSS) shared documents with members that proposes language to be added to course syllabi regarding the processes for safe evacuation of disabled persons from classrooms in the event of an emergency. After discussion, Kathleen VanderVeen, Director of DSS, was asked to prepare a document that could be used by faculty in a number of ways such as posting on their course BlackBoard sites or distributing to students separate from the syllabus. After any review at ECS, the materials will also be presented to UAS.</p> <p>d) The Chair reported that he has responded to the article in the</p>	



	<p>October 2 edition of <i>The Lanthorn</i> regarding Student Senate representation in governance.</p> <p>e) The Chair announced that all faculty are invited to attend the Oktoberfest celebration at the Meadows following the meeting sponsored by the University Club.</p> <p>f) The Chair reported that the Laker football game held at 5/3 Park was well attended and senators expressed their appreciation and thanks for the invitation to attend.</p>	
<p>4. Report of Provost</p>	<p>a) Associate Vice President Jon Jellema reported on behalf of Provost Davis in her absence and extended the Provost's compliments to all faculty for the very smooth start to the academic year.</p> <p>b) Mr. Jellema reported that the search for a new College of Health Professions Dean has been restarted with the help of a search firm.</p> <p>c) Mr. Jellema also reported that the proposed changes to the GVSU course offerings at the Holland Campus are pending review and approval by the Board of Trustees at their October 25, 2007 meeting. The proposed changes include working more closely with community colleges in implementing the MACRO agreement and offering Baccalaureate degree completion with a focus on the Liberal Studies Program major. Other units interested in participating in this initiative should contact the CoS Dean Wendy Wenner. Further information will be distributed as it becomes available.</p>	
<p>5. Report of Student Senate President</p>	<p>a) Student Senate President Frank Foster announced that as part of the Battle of the Valleys a dinner with the Presidents Office is scheduled for November 1, 2007. Invitations will be sent to all faculty.</p> <p>b) Mr. Foster reported that the annual Leadership Roundtable dinner is scheduled for November 8, 2007, and it will focus on the upcoming NCA accreditation visit.</p> <p>c) He further reported that the gathering sponsored by the Student Senate to show support for the "Jena 6" was well attended.</p> <p>d) Additional events that are in the planning process include working on the student legacy scholarship and creating focus groups for the visits of the Vice President for Inclusion and Equity candidates.</p>	
<p>6. New Business</p>	<p>a) An overview of University Library survey was presented by Dr. Julie Garrison. She reported that the survey was adapted from a service quality survey and that it asks participants to rate "ideal library service level" in many identified areas and also to indicate GVSU's library performance on that scale to provide input on the over-all perception of the GVSU library. The results of the survey will be used to provide a benchmark and for planning when a new library is</p>	

built.

- b) The following motion from ECS was presented for consideration:  
**MOTION:** The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the following motion to the University Academic Senate for their action recommending adoption: *The University Academic Senate appreciates the University's efforts to revise its policies to support and improve diversity in its hiring and other personnel processes. To this end, the University Academic Senate endorses the training of Inclusion Advocates to participate in the recruitment and hiring of new regular faculty during the 2007-08 academic year.*

Linda Yuhas from the Human Resources Office presented an overview of the Inclusion Advocates Proposal, which was created in response to the passage of Proposal 2. She indicated that two training sessions for the use of Interim Inclusion Advocates for hiring committees have been held. In addition, all GVSU faculty should have received an invitation via email to participate in training for Inclusion Advocates that will be part of the regular hiring process. Their role will be to make certain that the hiring process is fair, inclusive, and criteria based. The Chair noted that these issues also need to be addressed for faculty personnel actions.  
Discussion.

- c) Vice President for Equity and Planning Pat Oldt distributed material regarding the Strategic Positioning 2010 Committee and presented an overview of the Strategic Planning efforts of the University thus far. She described the shifts in administrative responsibilities in the area of planning for inclusion and equity that are being made in the President's and Provost's Office as a result of the creation of the position of Vice President for Inclusion and Equity, highlighting that the creation of this position reflects President Hass's commitment to this initiative. She stated that the purpose of the newly created Strategic Positioning 2010 Committee is to refresh the University Strategic Plan for its current relevancy, accuracy, and appropriateness in strategically position GVSU for its preferred future. The Strategic Positioning website is scheduled to premier on Monday, October 8, 2007. She indicated that membership in this committee was created to have representation from all of the constituencies who should play an active role and provide input into strategic planning. She has asked each member to facilitate access to their groups to gather this information.

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**30 Yes – 0 No – 1 Abstention  
APPROVED**

	<p>The meeting was suspended to permit UAS members to break into focus groups to brainstorm by engaging in a SWOT Analysis, with each group identifying the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities or threats that are currently faced by GVSU for use in strategic planning.</p> <p>The meeting reconvened at 4:50 after completion of the SWOT analysis. The Chair indicated that the results of this SWOT analysis will be compiled and shared with the Strategic Positioning 2010 Committee and also distributed to UAS members.</p>	
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:55PM	