

# Grand Valley State University

## Executive Committee of the Senate

### Minutes of October 12, 2012

**Present:** Shawn Bultsma (for Roger Wilson), Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Kurt Fanning, Bob Hendersen, John Iott (Student Senate President), Jon Jellema (ex officio), Nancy Levenburg, Figen Mekik (Chair), Kristine Mullendore (for Cary Countryman), Jag Nandigam, Tonya Parker, Chuck Pazdernik, Ross Reynolds (for Karen Gipson), Lynn Sheehan, Deana Weibel

**Guests:** Robert Adams

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions	
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of October 12, 2012 was reviewed.	The Agenda was approved.	
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of October 5, 2012 were reviewed.	The Minutes of October 5, 2012 were approved as submitted.	
3. Report of Chair	The Chair provided an update on the senate schedule.		
4. Report of Provost	No Report		
5. Report of the Student Senate President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Student Senate President Iott reported on various activities underway, including collaboration efforts with the GVSU student senate and the student senate at the University of Cape Coast (Ghana).</li> <li>b. Student Senate President reported that he met with Dean Merkle &amp; Bob Stoll re: graduate representation.</li> <li>c. Questions were answered from the floor regarding student representation, homecoming activities, and Battle of the Valleys.</li> </ul>		
6. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Robert Adams presented an overview of the memo on Responsibility for Creation of Curricular Proposals distributed earlier. Discussion.  A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to forward the Responsibility for Creation of Curricular Proposals memo, as amended, to UAS and placed on the October 26 agenda with a recommendation to approve. <b>Approved with 1 Nay</b></li> <li>b. Robert Adams presented an overview of the recommendation to update</li> </ul>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the Responsibility for Creation of Curricular Proposals memo, as amended, to the University Academic Senate and places on the October 26 agenda with a recommendation to approve. <b>APPROVED: 11 Yes; 1 No</b></p>	

	<p>UCC Responsibilities memo distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p><u>A Motion was made and seconded</u> to place the recommendation to update UCC responsibilities, as amended at this meeting, on the October 26 UAS agenda with a recommendation to approve.</p> <p>A Motion was made and seconded to Amend item 11 of the 2012-13 UCC charge to add the General Education Committee. Discussion.</p> <p>c. The Chair provided an overview of the Change from University Faculty Election Reporting Dates. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to place on Oct. 26 agenda with a recommendation to approve.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the recommendation to update UCC responsibilities to the University Academic Senate, as amended, and places it on their October 26 agenda with a recommendation to approve. <b>APPROVED Unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate approves amending the 2012-13 UCC Charge, Item #11, to add the General Education Committee. <b>APPROVED Unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate places the recommended change in election reporting dates on the October 26 University Academic Senate agenda, with a recommendation to approve. <b>APPROVED Unanimously.</b></p>	
7. Discussion	<p>A. Discussion was heard regarding defining processes and Faculty Handbook language by which ECS may change its own bylaws.</p> <p>A proposal was made to appoint a task force to create appropriate language that captures current practice of senate as a starting point. Chuck Pazdernik, Figen Mekik will have an initial discussion to determine who else may be interested. Donijo Robbins was nominated as a potential task force member.</p> <p>b. Discussion on defining and recommending Handbook language on the process of elections across colleges, need for consistency, etc.</p> <p>A request was made for student representatives (and alums) to serve on the Laker For a Lifetime.</p>	No discussion.	
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:12pm		