

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of November 16, 2007

Present: John Bender, Yatin Bhagwat, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Rob Franciosi (Chair), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Robert Hendersen, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Sharon Leder, Paul Leidig, Nancy Levenburg, Kristine Mullendore (Vice Chair), Ellen Schendel, Steven Schlicker, Robert Schoofs, John Stevenson, Kathleen Underwood, Jeroen Wagendorp, Roy Winegar

Guests: Larry Burns, Alicia Wireman

The meeting was called to order at 3:03

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of November 16, 2007 was reviewed.	The agenda of November 16, 2007 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of November 9, 2007 were reviewed.	The Minutes of November 9, 2007 were approved as revised and extended.
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that the Senate meeting schedule has changed. The ECS will now meet on November 30 and the UAS will meet on December 7.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that he and the Vice Chair met with the Provost and representatives from the College of Education to discuss a prospectus for online Master's degree programs. In anticipation of this proposal being taken through the governance process a charge will be given to the Graduate Council to consider what criteria and circumstances should be considered in the evaluation of proposals for online graduate programs.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that the tentative date for the ECS Winter Retreat is January 4, 2008.</p> <p>d) The Chair reported that a follow-up meeting with Lynn Blue for an update on Banner can be scheduled for the week of finals if necessary. Joe Godwin will provide an update to ECS on November 30, 2007 after which time ECS can determine if another meeting with Lynn Blue is necessary this term.</p>	
4. Report of Provost	<p>a) Provost Davis reported that she met with Lynn Blue to discuss how the prerequisites already loaded into the Banner system may be enforced.</p> <p>b) Provost Davis reported that the Sustainability Project conference on energy conservation held on campus on November 16 was very well attended and included numerous out-of-state as well as local attendees who look toward GVSU for leadership in this area.</p>	

5. Report of Student Senate President	a) No Report	
6. Old Business	<p>a) The revised tenure document was distributed and the accompanying memo from FPPC reviewed. Discussion.</p> <p>Questions were raised on: whether the FPPC used AAUP standards in creating this proposal; how the standards and criteria for Tenure and Promotion are meant to be linked together; whether the issue of the timing of promotion and tenure decisions should be addressed separately; and concerning the need to establish and use parallel language throughout the document</p> <p>After considerable discussion, it was agreed by consensus that the ECS Chair would attend the FPPC meeting on November 27, 2007 to discuss with them the specific concerns raised by ECS members. FPPC will be asked to address Tenure and Promotion separate from the timing issue.</p> <p>b) The revisions to Strategic Goals developed at earlier meetings were discussed. The committee agreed that, hearing no objections, that they may be considered final. It was moved and seconded to forward the Strategic Goals to the University Academic Senate for their action.</p>	<p>By consensus, it was agreed that the ECS Chair would attend the FPPC meeting on November 27, 2007 to discuss with them the specific concerns raised by ECS members. FPPC will be asked to address Tenure and Promotion separate from the Timing issue.</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the Strategic Goals to the University Academic Senate for their action. APPROVED unanimously by voice vote</p>
7. New Business	<p>a) The Annual Salary Recommendation from FSBC that was distributed earlier was discussed. It was moved and seconded to forward the Annual Salary Recommendation from FSBC to UAS for their action.</p> <p>b) The Promotional Increment Recommendation from FSBC that was distributed earlier was discussed. It was moved and seconded to endorse the recommendation and forward to UAS for their action.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the Annual Salary Recommendation from the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee to the University Academic Senate for their action. APPROVED unanimously by voice vote</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate endorses the Promotional Increment Recommendation from the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee and forwards it to the University Academic Senate for their action.</p>

	<p>c) There was discussion regarding the material distributed earlier requesting a revision of the policy in the Faculty Handbook to change the length of term served by FSBC members from two to three years and to change the timing of the election for the FSBC chair to an earlier date.</p> <p>It was moved and seconded to endorse the recommendations and forward them to UAS for their action.</p> <p>It was further moved and seconded to endorse the FSBC request to change the timing for the election of the FSBC Chair and forward the recommendation to UAS for their action.</p> <p>d) The information on per diem rates that was distributed earlier was discussed. After discussion, it was agreed by consensus that this issue would not be forwarded to UAS.</p> <p>e) Revision to Procedure for the Establishment of Additional Units or Programs - NO DISCUSSION</p> <p>f) Faculty Compensation for Independent Studies and Thesis courses. - NO DISCUSSION</p>	<p>APPROVED unanimously by voice vote</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate endorses the recommendation to extend the length of term for FSBC members from 2 years to 3 years and forwards the recommendation to the University Academic Senate for their action. APPROVED unanimously by voice vote</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate endorses the FSBC request to change the timing for the election of the FSBC Chair and forwards the recommendation to the University Academic Senate for their action. APPROVED unanimously by voice vote</p> <p>By consensus, The Executive Committee of the Senate agreed that a change to per diem rates would not be forwarded to the University Academic Senate.</p>
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm	