

FSBC Minutes November 19, 2004

PRESENT: Majd Al-Mallah, Larry Burns, Maria Cimitile (Chair), Josh Cisco (student), Scott Grissom, Kathy Gulembo(ex officio), Sally Hipp, Stan Lindquist, Donijo Robbins, Nancy Shontz, Joel Stillerman, Eric Van Fleet, Kathryn Waggoner, Don Williams

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:03pm

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of 11/05/04 were approved, with amendments.

3. Announcements

- FSBC will be serving as a focus group on medical benefits at the FSBC meeting on December 3, 2004.
- Budget recommendations for the 2005-06 Academic Year will be forwarded to ECS by Monday, November 22, 2004.
- The FSBC meeting of January 14, 2005 will be rescheduled for January 21, 2005. Items to be reviewed are: 1) the Prospectus for a Major in Chinese Studies and 2) the Prospectus for a Masters of Education - Chemistry Concentration.
- FSBC will reinforce the policies in place for review of new programs at the 1st/2nd year and 3rd/4th year of operation. This will be the bulk of FSBC's work for the winter semester.
- The Chair reported that she had several meetings since the last FSBC meeting: 1) she met with Provost Davis to discuss faculty concerns regarding salary & benefits and the need for training of unit heads; 2) she was invited to, and attended, a Dean's Council meeting; and, 3) met with the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
- The Chair reported that the Associate Vice President for Business & Finance, Jim Bachmeier, will be invited to an FSBC meeting in the winter semester.
- The Chair reported that there will not be an increase in premiums for medical insurance this year.

4. Budget Recommendations for 2005/2006

Several suggestions were heard on what should be presented to Administration as priorities for the 2005-06 Fiscal Year, including:

- a. not adopting any new programs until the university-wide budget constraints are eased.
- b. establishing a regular review of programs with an eye toward paring down programs that have weak enrollment
- c. encouraging President Murray to continue his strong advocacy for an increase in GVSU's state funding (by funding current level of enrollment instead of 2 year delay)
- d. tying salary increases to the cost of living allowance (COLA)

A motion was made to recommend to Administration that increasing faculty salary is considered the highest priority for 2005-06. Discussion. Motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made to allow the Chair to formulate a budget recommendation based on FSBC input and to forward that document to administration. Discussion. Motion approved by consensus.

5. Adjourned at 1:40pm

The next meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2004 in 201 Kirkhof Center.