

# University Academic Senate Grand Valley State University

November 2, 2007

**PRESENT:** Majd Al-Mallah, Kirk Anderson, John Bender, Matt Boelkins, Shawn Bultsma, Lee Copenhaver, Katie Cross (Student), Sigrid Danielson, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Kurt Fanning, Roger Ferguson, Rob Franciosi (Chair), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Jennifer Gross, Robert Hendersen, Paul Keenlance, Brian Kingshott, Sharon Leder, Nancy Levenburg, Jean Martin, Linda McCrea, William Morison, Kristine Mullendore (Vice Chair), Tonya Parker, Paul Plotkowski (ex officio), Russell Rhoads (for Deana Weibel), Jim Sanford, Ellen Schendel, Steven Schlicker, Robert Schoofs, John Stevenson, Selma Tucker (Student), Kathleen Underwood, Jeroen Wagendorp

**GUESTS:** Fred Davison

**cto:** 3:04

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action/Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of November 2, 2007 was reviewed.	The agenda of November 2, 2007 was approved.
2. Minutes approval	Review of Minutes of October 5, 2007.	The minutes of October 5, 2007 were approved.
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that the search for the Vice President for Inclusion and Equity ended successfully with Dr. Jeanne Arnold accepting the appointment. She will begin on January 6, 2008. He thanked everyone who attended the open sessions and provided input. Dr. Arnold will be invited to a senate meeting in the Winter Term to allow her present her vision for the University and to get her input on the Inclusion Advocates policy.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that the Dean of Academic Services and Information Technology, Lynn Blue, attended the ECS meeting on October 19 and addressed the concerns expressed by many faculty that the Banner function that enforces course prerequisites was not being implemented. Colleges had engaged in the curriculum review to reduce course prerequisites in part to support that function and concerns were shared that they believed that they were now being informed that implementation would not take place for a variety of reasons. This concern is that students are not registering for the correct courses and that currently in order for program course pre-requisites contained in the catalogue to be enforced faculty are having to check course enrollment manually, which is seen as a waste of time and a costly use of faculty resources. UAS members expressed similar concerns to those</p>	The new Vice President for Inclusion and Equity, Dr. Jeanne Arnold, will be invited to a senate meeting in the Winter.

	<p>raised at the ECS meeting. Discussion.</p> <p>The Chair reported that Dean Blue assured ECS that implementation of course prerequisites by Banner is being worked on now. The structure and code of the Banner system needs to be amended before they can proceed further with this function of Banner. A date for implementation of the second phase of Banner is unknown at this time.</p> <p>c) The Chair reported that he expects that the FPCC recommendation revising the Faculty Handbook's Tenure Standards and the salary recommendation from FSBC will be reviewed at the next meeting.</p> <p>d) The Chair welcomed The Lanthorn Editor-in-Chief, Laura Wasilewski and reporter Alicia Wireman to the meeting.</p>	<p>Dean Blue will report back to ECS in December on what progress has been made on the Banner prerequisite initiative.</p>
<p>4. Report of Provost</p>	<p>a) Provost Davis reported that with the State budget being finalized, the university has been informed of their appropriations amount. It is slightly less than what was received last year.</p> <p>b) Provost Davis reported that the new Dean for the Kirkhof College of Nursing Dean, Cynthia McCurren, begins her new role on Monday, November 5.</p> <p>c) Provost Davis reported that her office is assembling a search committee for the College of Health Professions Dean.</p>	
<p>5. Report of Student Senate President</p>	<p>Student Senator Katie Cross presented an overview of the status of the Battle of the Valleys and thanked the senate for generous contributions and then excused herself and the other student representatives from the meeting.</p>	
<p>6. New Business</p>	<p>a) The Chair introduced the President of the GVSU Alumni Association, Mr. Fred Davison, who then presented a summary of the history of the association and reported that there are currently 64,000 alumnae, with 30,000 of those within the immediate three-county area.</p> <p>He reported that the association finished their strategic plan within four months and established a goal to partner more closely with the GVSU faculty, staff, students and administration. The association members are active in fundraising for the library/learning center; volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, along with other charities.</p> <p>Mr. Davison reported that Dr. Kathy Bailey is the faculty representative to the association, and he also gave his personal email of <a href="mailto:EFD@grandrapids.hcsaffirm.com">EFD@grandrapids.hcsaffirm.com</a> for faculty to contact him directly if they have any questions or suggestions for opportunities</p>	

	<p>to engage the alumni association.</p>	
<p>7. Old Business</p>	<p>a) The recommendations from the Academic Policies and Standards Committee that had been distributed earlier were discussed.</p> <p>In the section on 'Repeating Courses', it was noted that in the second paragraph, the "C" is a typographical error and should be edited and replaced with a "CR" and in the third paragraph the phrase "and the unit" was added to the end of the first sentence.</p> <p>In the section on the 'Grade of Record', it was noted that in the first paragraph, the "C" is also a typographical error and should be replaced with a "CR."</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to delete the phrase "it is recommended the advisor consult with that other unit" and replaced with "it is required the advisor consult with the unit offering the course and approval is also required from that unit."</p> <p><b>Approved by voice vote, with 1 nay.</b></p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to remove the sentence: "Students must notify the registrar of their intention by filing the appropriate form during the semester in which they repeat the class" from the Grade of Record policy.</p> <p><b>Approved unanimously by voice vote.</b></p> <p>Discussion was also had about the purpose behind the recommendation to disseminate the cautionary statement of the impact of repeating courses on the assessment of the GPA of students who subsequently apply to postgraduate schools, as it is already part of the policy. Chair responded that the purpose was to encourage a wider dissemination and one suggestion made earlier was that the statement could appear on any forms and documents that would be used as part of the process.</p> <p>In the section on Registering for Two Sections of the Same Course, it was noted and agreed that a friendly amendment should be made to edit it by replacing the word "enrolled" with "registered."</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded for the University Academic Senate to forward the recommendations from the Academic Policies and Standards Committee, as amended at this meeting, to Administration.</p> <p><b>Approved by voice vote, with 1 abstention</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate supports deleting the phrase "it is recommended the advisor consult with that other unit" and replacing it with "it is required the advisor consult with the unit offering the course and approval is also required from that unit." in the Repeating Courses policy  <b>Approved by voice vote, with 1 nay.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate supports removing the sentence: "Students must notify the registrar of their intention by filing the appropriate form during the semester in which they repeat the class" from the Grade of Record policy.  <b>Approved Unanimously by voice vote.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate supports forwarding the recommendations from the Academic Policies and Standards Committee, as amended at this meeting, to Administration.</p>

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8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM		