

FSBC Meeting #10
Minutes of February 11, 2005

PRESENT: Majd Al-Mallah, Dorothy Armstrong (for Sally Hipp), Larry Burns, Maria Cimitile (Chair), Lee Copenhaver, Gregg Dimkoff, Marinus DeBruine, Scott Grissom, Kathy Gulembo (ex officio), Rita Kohrman, Donijo Robbins, Nancy Shontz, Josh Sisco (student), Joel Stillerman, Patrick Thorpe, Eric VanFleet, Don Williams

GUEST: Jim Bachmeier

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 12:03pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of January 28, 2005 were approved as submitted.

3. Announcements

- a. The Chair announced that the issue regarding adjunct faculty pay has been resolved, and she reminded the committee that the FSBC represents only regular faculty, affiliates and visiting professors, not adjuncts.
- b. The Chair reported that she attended the last Board of Trustees meeting. At that meeting the Board of Trustees approved GVSU joining the Michigan Universities Coalition on Health (MUCH), which will allow GVSU to negotiate health benefits.
- c. The Chair will send another letter to the Human Resources Office requesting a monthly report/update on HR activities.
- d. The Chair will re-craft the memo regarding the major in Chinese Studies and circulate for review.

4. Budget Presentation

- a. Jim Bachmeier, Associate Vice President for Business and Finance, presented an overview of MUCH.
- b. Mr. Bachmeier reported that there has been a significant decline in state revenue and the funding for higher education has been cut across the state.
- c. A powerpoint presentation handout was distributed that shows the GVSU General Fund Budget Revenue and Expenditures. The change(s) in percentages allocated for salary and benefits was highlighted, as was the tuition amount charged versus the amount of state appropriations received.
- d. An increase in tuition for undergraduate and graduate students is expected.
- e. Kathy Gulembo noted that instead of increasing the number of students in each course, efforts will be focused on eliminating the low-enrollment number classes as a cost-saving measure.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31pm.