

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of February 22, 2008

Present: David Bair, John Bender, Yatin Bhagwat, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Rob Franciosi (Chair), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Robert Hendersen, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Susan Jensen (for Jean Martin), Paul Ledig, Nancy Levenburg, Kristine Mullendore (Vice Chair), Steven Schlucker, Ellen Schendel, Robert Schoofs, John Stevenson, Kathleen Underwood, Roy Winegar

Guests: Teresa Beck, Carol Griffin, William Levitan, Henry Matthews, Star Swift, Wendy Wenner

The meeting was called to order at 3:03

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of February 22, 2008 was reviewed.	The agenda of February 22, 2008 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of February 15, 2008 were reviewed	The Minutes of February 15, 2008 were approved, as amended.
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reported that there will be no meeting on February 29, 2008.</p> <p>b) The Chair further reported that several Prospectuses and Final Plans are making their way through the governance process and will be ready for review soon.</p>	
4. Report of Provost	<p>a) Provost Davis reported that updates to the Banner system are on target to be ready to enforce pre- and co-requisite requirements beginning with registration for 2008-09.</p> <p>b) Jon Jellema distributed materials regarding the GVSU 50th Anniversary celebration and collected feedback to report back to the planning committee on what types of activities should be included.</p>	
5. Report of Student Senate President	In the absence of a student representative there was no report.	
6. New Business	a) The material on the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee's proposed revisions to the personnel policy that recommend changing the criteria as to who would be eligible to vote and participate in faculty personnel actions involving contract renewal, tenure and promotion restricting it to tenured faculty only that had been distributed earlier were discussed. This policy was developed in response to the charge given to the FPCC to address the questions of what the role of the College Personnel Committee is in	

reviewing valid unit votes. The FPPC believes that the proposed change would improve confidence in the quality of a unit's decision and would address the underlying concern expressed in this charge.

A question was raised from the floor as to whether or not all units have set their standards and expectations that are to be used in reviewing faculty performance and also provided them to their deans for review and approval.

It was also noted that that this proposal includes language regarding the role of college personnel committees in reviewing unit votes. Questions were raised as to whether college personnel committees can override a valid unit vote and as to what constitutes a valid vote under the current policy.

Concerns raised from the floor regarding the impact of this proposed change included how the acclimation of junior faculty to the norms at GVSU as to how best to present their cases for their own promotion and tenure would occur if they are not present at personnel meetings; how to obtain the information that only untenured faculty would possess as to how the faculty member under review interacts with untenured faculty, and how to ensure that College Personnel Committees are acting consistently across the university.

A vote was not conducted at this time. The proposed revisions were sent back to FPPC to consider ECS concerns about these proposed revisions to the personnel policy.

b) A summary of the historical material distributed earlier from the GVSU LGBT sub-committee was presented and discussed, as was a memo from the LGBT sub-committee to the ECS Chair.

The senate expressed its continued firm support of the extension of employee benefits to include more members of the GVSU community. It was noted that other universities in Michigan have continued their policies after Proposal 2's passage by offering some form of benefits for other qualified individuals.

Considerable discussion was heard. Some motions were proposed but not seconded, and therefore no vote was held.

	<p>A motion was made and seconded that the ECS, consistent with previous ECS and UAS positions, that asks for a report from President Haas on the actions that will be taken to extend benefits to other qualified individuals as soon as the Michigan Supreme Court decision is made. A proposed deadline of two months was suggested.</p> <p>Further discussion ensued concerning the need to be prepared to respond regardless of what decision is made in the Supreme Court regarding benefits of this nature, recognizing that GVSU's position is that it will not take formal action until after the pending court case is decided.</p> <p>By consensus, it was agreed that this motion would be addressed at a future ECS meeting, allowing time for ECS members to determine how to advocate for these benefits in a way that clearly communicates the request, before any motions are presented to UAS for action.</p>	<p>By consensus, it was agreed that this motion would be addressed at a future ECS meeting, allowing time for ECS members to determine how to advocate for these benefits in a way that clearly communicates the request, before any motions are presented to UAS for action.</p>	
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:07pm		

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Suggested change to minutes:

Professor Robert Hendersen presented background information about Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) and Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees (IACUCs). Because these two committees are mandated by federal regulations and by the Federalwide Assurance that the university has filed, they differ in composition, in charge, and in powers from other university committees. Hendersen suggested that GVSU should strictly limit the IRB's and IACUC's activities to those that federal regulations mandate and that a faculty governance committee should be charged with reviewing and recommending all research policies other than those federally mandated for the IRB and for the IACUC.

→ Amended to the minutes of 2/15/08

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Report from Chair
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Final Plans

GRD prereq progress looks like is on target for the registration
- have enough FR

Student senate > no Report

JT acty for Teri Losey
distributed material re 50th Ann.
y send Jon an email requesty full st.

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GVSU 50th Anniversary All-Campus Suggestions for Celebrating

Rank (1st & 2nd choice)	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J
	LEGEND: A - Campus Community Wide; B - Alumni; C - Archives; D - Website; E - Publications; F - Art & Music; G - Library; H - Development; I - Athletics; J - Academic & Student Affairs; K - Finance & Administration; L - Students																	
		We have on our faculty a couple of authorities on the history of universities, and on the history of academic freedom and responsibility; we should create opportunities to have them give historical talks.																
		How about 50 days of lectures on GVSU past.																
		Initiate and launch a program designed to bring more local minority students into business education process; utilize community, minority, and corporate sponsorship. Emphasize GVSU's contributions to the W Michigan area.																
		Cruises on the Jackson and/or Angus.																
		University faculty authors event.																
		For the Shakespeare Festival that year bring in a big name for one of the roles in the mainstage production--like, say, a Denzel Washington in Othello??																
		Connection with international community and successes? Program with past alumni and faculty staff who have traveled abroad and they show special slides and make some short comments about their experience. Produce a keepsake brochure with selected photos.																
		Celebrate our mission of leadership through events by various academic areas, science programs, etc. where there is a strong history.																
		Special academic competitions for various areas for student competition and then have them present at Student Scholarship Day.																
		Create a sponsorship for several disenfranchised international students (innocent former prisoner from Guantanamo or an Iraqi refugee, or people fleeing the Sudan, (goal of sending leadership back to their homelands).																
		Host an education fair for local (junior) high school students to learn what a business career is and how the University promotes learning and advancement.																
		Special commencement tassel for graduates that year.																
		Capture histories of women who have played a role in formation of university, including students. Design a course around this idea.																
		Special stole for the academic regalia for convocations and commencement that year.																
		2010 will mark the 10th year that GVSU will have provided the statewide direction for small business services, its 15th year of direct services to the Region. We will have an accumulative number of Regional and Statewide "business touches" available at that juncture.																
		I would like to do a "Guinness Book of World Record" event (TBD) that would reflect collaboration between the various schools at GVSU (Engineering/Arts/Nursing, etc) and alumni.																
		Have one day of a given week totally dedicated to a specific college with numerous activities supporting/displaying the college.																