

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of March 14, 2008

Present: David Bair, John Bender, Yatin Bhagwat, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Rob Franciosi (Chair), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Jennifer Gross (for Robert Henderson), Jon Jellema (ex officio), Kristine Mullendore (Vice Chair), Ellen Schendel, Steven Schlicker, Robert Schoofs, John Stevenson, Jeroen Wagendorp, Roy Winegar

Guests: Teresa Beck, Tom Butcher, Carol Griffin, William Levitan, Mark Luttenton, Neal Rogness, Roger Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 3:04

| Agenda Items | Discussion | Action / Decisions |
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| 1. Approval of Agenda | The agenda of March 14, 2008 was reviewed. | The agenda of March 14, 2008 was approved as amended |
| 2. Approval of Minutes | There were no Minutes for approval. | None |
| 3. Report of Chair | <p>a) The Chair reported that the university smoking policy committee has made their recommendation to Administration and it will be decided upon and disseminated soon.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that ECS is hosting two receptions for faculty members hired within the last two years as a way to introduce them to the faculty senate, network with their colleagues, and invite them to consider engaging in faculty governance. On Monday, April 7 a reception will be in the Cook-DeWitt Center lounge on the Allendale campus, and on Thursday, April 10 the reception will be in the DeVos Center Regency Room. Both receptions are from 4pm to 6pm. ECS members are encouraged to attend and interact with their new colleagues.</p> <p>The Chair announced that nominations for ECS chair and vice chair for 2008-09 should be forwarded to him or Ellen Schendel by April 11, 2008.</p> | |
| 4. Report of Provost | <p>a) Provost Davis reported that GVSU is still waiting for news regarding the state budget model that will be used for higher education funding. Last known, the Appropriations committee recommended a 3% across the board increase for all public universities in Michigan.</p> <p>b) Provost Davis further reported that an increase to the faculty promotional increments has been approved, with the new increments set at \$3,500 for promotion from assistant professor to associate professor; and \$5,000 for promotion from associate professor to full professor. She noted that an informational memo</p> | |

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| | <p>will be sent to faculty soon advising them of this administrative decision.</p> <p>Upon a question from the floor, Provost Davis reported that there has not been a decrease in the number of applications for housing. In the absence of a student representative there was no report.</p> | |
| <p>5. Report of Student Senate President</p> | | |
| <p>6. New Business</p> | <p>a) Graduate Council Chair Mark Luttenton and Graduate Council Vice Chair Roger Wilson presented an overview of the proposed Graduate Assistantship Policy that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>Considerable discussion was held with questions posed from the floor. <u>By Consensus</u>, this item was tabled to allow the ECS Chair to meet with the Graduate Council Chair to refine the document and it will then be brought back for further ECS review.</p> <p>An overview of the FPPC proposed revisions to the <u>Faculty Handbook Chapter 4, Section 2.10 Procedures for Regular Faculty Appointment Renewal, Promotion, Tenure, Sabbaticals, Periodic Performance Review, and Dismissal for Adequate Cause</u>, which was distributed earlier, was presented by FPPC Chair Teresa Beck and FPPC member William Levitan.</p> <p>Discussion centered on the revisions being proposed to provide a clearer understanding of the role of the College Personnel Committee (CPC) and the role of the unit when their decisions on personnel matters differ, and under what circumstances the CPC should overturn a unit decision.</p> <p>During discussion a question was raised as to whether or not the colleges have received all of their units' criteria and standards. Provost Davis offered to bring this issue before the next Deans Council.</p> <p>The college representative from CCPS reported that CCPS faculty members voted at its Winter Retreat to support maintaining current policy language, which includes junior faculty being fully involved in personnel decisions. The representative from the University Libraries reported that every library faculty member he has heard from also supports the current policy of including junior faculty members being involved in personnel decisions.</p> | <p><u>By Consensus</u>, this item was tabled to allow the ECS Chair to meet with the Graduate Council Chair to refine the document and it will then be brought back for further ECS review.</p> |

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| | <p>William Levitan presented the rationale FPPC used in framing their recommendations. Discussion. The ECS Chair made an executive decision that ECS should meet next week instead of UAS in order to continue this discussion. A time limit of 45 minutes was agreed to for discussion of specific items. Benefits Proposal – No Discussion</p> | <p>The ECS Chair made an executive decision that ECS will meet on March 21 instead of UAS</p> | |
| 7. Old Business | | No Discussion | |
| 8. Adjournment | The meeting adjourned at 5:02pm | | |