

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

April 4, 2008

PRESENT: David Bair, Yatin Bhagwat, Gayle Davis (ex officio), Rob Franciosi (Chair), Joe Godwin (ex officio), Robert Hendersen, Jon Jellema (ex officio), Nancy Levenburg, Jean Martin, Kristine Mullendore (Vice Chair), Ellen Schendel, Steven Schlicker, Robert Schoofs, John Stevenson, Kathleen Underwood, Jeroen Wagendorp, Roy Winegar.

GUESTS: Cynthia Coviak, Pat Schafer

Called to order at 2:02

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The agenda of April 4, 2008 was reviewed.	The agenda of <u>April 4, 2008</u> was approved
2. Minutes approval	The minutes of February 22, 2008 were reviewed.	The minutes of February 22, 2008 were approved.
3. Report of Chair	<p>a) The Chair reminded ECE members that the election for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Senate for 2008-9 will be held at the meeting of the newly elected ECS on April 18. There are two nominations for Chair – Kristine Mullendore and Nancy Levenburg. Larry Burns has been nominated for Vice Chair. If there are other nominations they should be sent to Rob Franciosi or Ellen Schendel, who are acting as an election committee.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that he and Vice Chair Mullendore met with President Haas on March 31 regarding benefits equity and President Haas reiterated that there has been no change in Board of Trustees' decision to not take up this issue until of Michigan Supreme Court has rendered its opinion in the pending case and that they will only address it then t the President's initiative.</p> <p>The Chair further reported that the President Haas had become aware of it during the hiring process before arriving at GVSU. President Haas gave his assurance that he would work closely with all university constituents when the issue can be addressed with the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>Concerns were raised from the floor that those most affected by the decision were not present to hear this report and that they should be given the same sense of assurance from President Haas. By consensus it was agreed the ECS Chair would contact the LGBT committee to relay this information.</p>	<p>By consensus it was agreed the ECS Chair would contact the LGBT committee to relay the information from the meeting with President Haas.</p>

4. Report of Provost	<p>a) Provost Davis reported that press articles in the <u>Grand Rapid Press</u> and the <u>Lantern</u> regarding the DNP Final Plan resulted from a conversation that occurred during and after a Grand Rapids City Council meeting and that they are not accurate with respect to the statements that the purpose of the proposed classes. No other announcements</p>	
5. Report of Student Senate	<p>In the absence of a student representative there was no report</p>	
6. New Business	<p>a) The Graduate Assistantship Policy distributed earlier was discussed. The Chair presented an overview of the changes requested. Discussion.</p> <p>Due to concerns raised from the floor, it was decided to return the proposal to the Graduate Council. The ECS Chair will contact the Chair of the Graduate Council to get clarification on areas of concern identified at the meeting.</p> <p>b) Changes to the University Assessment Committee Bylaws - No Discussion</p> <p>c) The material on the Doctor of Nursing Practice Final Plan that was distributed earlier was discussed.</p> <p>Pat Shafer and Cynthia Coviak answered questions raised from the floor.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to forward the Doctor of Nursing Practice Final Plan to the University Academic Senate for their action, with recommendation to approve the Final Plan and implement the program.</p>	<p>Due to concerns raised from the floor, the policy will be returned to the Graduate Council and the ECS Chair will contact the Chair of the Graduate Council to get clarification on specific areas identified at the meeting.</p> <p>No Discussion</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate approves the Doctor of Nursing Practice Final Plan, and sends it to the University Academic Senate for their action, with a recommendation to approve the Final Plan and implement the program. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
7. Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 2:57</p>	