

Faculty Salary and Budget Committee
Minutes of September 21, 2007

Present: Ed Aboufadel, Teresa Bacon-Baguley, Larry Burns (Chair), Natalie Bush (Student), Doug Busman, Marinus DeBruine, Milt Ford, Joe Godwin (ex officio), Robert Hollister, Fran Kelleher, Zachary Kurmas, Kim Ranger, Elaine VanDoren, Xandra Xu.

Guest: Jim Bachmeier, Vice President for Finance and Administration

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:03pm.
2. The Minutes of September 7, 2007 were approved as presented.
3. The Chair distributed a draft of a letter of appreciation to Provost Davis for her hard work in securing a sizeable increase in the salary increment pool this year given the uncertainty of the state budget. After review and discussion, it was moved and seconded to forward this to the Executive Committee of the Senate for their action, with a recommendation that it be presented to Administration. Approved unanimously.

The Chair announced that the latest Consumer Price Index (CPI) figures have been reported at 1.8.

The Chair reported that he has been in contact with Dave Smith regarding the wellness coordinator position and updates on the hiring for this position will be presented when known.

Discussion was heard surrounding succession planning for FSBC members. There is a potential impact on faculty course scheduling, as the Chair is granted one-course per semester assigned time. Discussion concerning whether the committee should have a chair-elect for each year ensued. The Chair will discuss this issue with the Chair of ECS.

4. There was a brief discussion of the annual FSBC salary recommendation. The Chair distributed two documents for review.
5. Jim Bachmeier, Vice President for Finance and Administration joined the meeting to provide a semi-annual budget update. He distributed material for review and presented an overview. In particular: GVSU is still the lowest-funded of the public universities in Michigan; preliminary projections for 2007-08 show that the low appropriation is the equivalent of receiving no state funding for 4,965 students; and, GVSU has approximately one million square feet less space than our peers.
6. Discussion of FSBC goals for the academic year
No discussion.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35p