

Grand Valley State University

University Academic Senate

Minutes of January 29, 2016

- Present:** Charles Baker-Clark (for Michael Sciarini), Deborah Bambini, Maria Beelen (Student Senate), James Bell, Scott Berlin, Matthew Boelkins, Shawn Bultsma, Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Maddie Cleghorn (Student Senate President), Paul Cornish, Danielle DeMuth, Jacquelynn Doyon-Martin, Kurt Fanning, Shirley Fleischmann, Ella Fritzemeier (Student Senate), Karen Gipson (Chair), Douglas Graham, Christopher Haven, Jason Herlands, John Hodge, Brian Lakey, Paula Lancaster, Claudia Leiras, George Lundskow, Kin Ma, Douglas Montagna, Felix Ngassa (Vice Chair), Mary O’Kelly, Karen Ozga (for Meri Goehring), Chuck Pazdernik, Lauren Presutti (GSA President), Elizabeth Psyck, Kathryn Remlinger, Ross Reynolds, Samhita Rhodes, Dawn Richiert, Georgette Sass, Jason Siko, Melissa Tallman, Christopher Toth, Jody Vogelzang, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel, Randy Wyble, Donald Zinman
- Absent:** Christina Beaudoin, Yatin Bhagwat, Jonathan Leidig, Nancy Levenburg, Chad Lingwood, Tonya Parker, James Sanford
- Ex Officio:** Ed Aboufadel, Maria Cimitile, Kathy Gulembo, Chris Plouff, Jeffrey Potteiger
- Guests:** Marie McKendall, Bob Stoll

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of January 29, 2016 was reviewed.	The Agenda of January 29, 2016 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of December 11, 2015 were reviewed.	The Minutes of December 11, 2015 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported on the ECS business conducted in January. She further reported that the Teach-In was well-attended and presented upcoming agenda items. The Chair answered questions raised from the floor.	
4. Report from Provost	Kathy Gulembo reported enrollment numbers on behalf of Provost Davis and answered questions raised from the floor. Ed Aboufadel updated senators on the implementation of the LIFT program.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Cleghorn updated senators on the work of Student Senate and current initiatives, including holding voter registration drives and addressing the needs of transgender students. She further reported that student senators traveled to Lansing to talk about funding for Higher Education.	
6. New Business	a. The Chair presented an overview of the recommendation forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to hold future Teach-Ins on the Thursday of MLK Commemoration week.	

	<p>Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to hold future Teach-Ins on the Thursday of MLK Commemoration week was voted on.</p> <p>b. Marie McKendall presented an overview of the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendation on Unit Head Workloads that was distributed earlier. Discussion addressed several additional factors to be considered in determining unit head stipends, including a raise mechanism and length of service as Unit Head, and several specific problems with the table were identified. Chair will attach a memo mentioning these concerns.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate regarding Unit Head Workloads was voted on.</p> <p>c. Karen Gipson presented an overview of the Faculty Handbook changes regarding University Committees that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>1) The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommendation to change university committees to match current practices was voted on.</p> <p>2) Karen Gipson presented an overview of the revision to committee structure that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>a) The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the elimination of the Newspaper Advisory Board was discussed and voted on.</p> <p>Karen Gipson presented an overview of the creation of a</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Executive Committee of the Senate recommendation to hold future Teach-Ins on the Thursday of MLK Commemoration week. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Executive Committee of the Senate recommendation on Unit Head Workloads. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Executive Committee of the Senate recommendation to change university committees to match current practices. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Executive Committee of the Senate recommendation to eliminate the Newspaper Advisory Board. APPROVED with 1 Abstention</p>
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	<p>Student Media Advisory Board that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>b) The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the creation of a Student Media Advisory Board was discussed and voted on.</p> <p>d. Chris Plouff presented the highlights of the Higher Learning Commission Guidelines for qualified faculty that were distributed earlier and answered questions raised from the floor.</p> <p>e. Claudia Leiras presented an overview of the Graduate Council recommendations on graduate grading policies that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the Graduate Council recommendations on graduate grading policies was voted on.</p> <p>f. Jeff Potteiger presented Graduate School exit survey data and shared the general findings and answered questions raised from the floor. He presented additional graduate school updates surrounding academic review and ScholarWorks.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Executive Committee of the Senate recommendation to create a Student Media Advisory Board. APPROVED with 1 Abstention</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Executive Committee of the Senate recommendations on graduate grading policies. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
7. Open Comment	Jacqueline Doyon-Martin thanked those involved in putting on a successful Teach-In.	
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:47pm	