

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of March 4, 2016

Present: Shawn Bultsma, Maddie Cleghorn (Student Senate President), Karen Gipson (Chair), Meri Goehring, Jon Hodge, Brian Lakey, Nancy Levenburg, Felix Ngassa (Vice Chair), Mary O’Kelly, Tonya Parker, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel

Absent: Scott Berlin, Yatin Bhagwat, Wendy Burns-Ardolino, George Lundskow, Samhita Rhodes

Ex Officio: Gayle Davis, Ed Aboufadel, Maria Cimitile, Kathy Gulembo, Jeff Potteiger

Guests: Philip Batty, Andrew Booth, Claudia Leiras, Chuck Pazdernik

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of March 4, 2016 was reviewed.	The Agenda of March 4 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of February 12, 2016 were reviewed.	The Minutes of February 12, 2016 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported on the upcoming meeting schedule and potential agenda items.	
4. Report from Provost	<p>Provost Davis reported that a reception for Dean of Students Bart Merkle is scheduled for April 22. Her office has begun the search for Dean of Students replacement and is reviewing applications with interviews expected mid-April. She is also working on the Dean of University Libraries search that is expected to be completed in the summer.</p> <p>She further reported that her office is working on several policies recommended by the University Academic Senate: twelve-month faculty policy, overload teaching and unit head compensation.</p> <p>There was no news to report on the State budget.</p>	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Cleghorn reported that she attended the state legislature with President Haas. She also reported that the Student Senate hosted a Laker Children’s Fund Charity Dinner to bring in community organizations that the Battle of the Valleys funding goes to.	

<p>6. New Business</p>	<p>a. Claudia Leiras presented an overview of the Graduate Council policy on dual level enrollment that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Graduate Council policy on dual level enrollment and forward it to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>b. Claudia Leiras presented an overview of the policy regarding responsible conduct of research training for graduate students that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Graduate Council policy regarding responsible conduct of research training for graduate students and forward it to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>c. Claudia Leiras presented an overview of the Graduate Council Policy of awarding multiple degrees at the same level that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to return the policy for awarding multiple degrees at the same level to Graduate Council for further development.</p> <p>d. Philip Batty presented an overview of the LIFT implementation question that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to affirm the LIFT Implementation Committee decision to delete the question regarding “Clarity of instructor’s voice” on Form A and use the GVSU form instead, and to forward this decision to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation to support.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Graduate Council policy on dual level enrollment and forwards it to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Graduate Council policy regarding responsible conduct of research training for graduate students and forwards it to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate returns the policy for awarding multiple degrees at the same level to Graduate Council for further development. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate affirms the LIFT Implementation Committee decision to delete the question regarding “Clarity of instructor’s voice” on Form A and to use the GVSU form instead, and forwards this decision to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
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7. Open Comment	<p>Shawn Bultsma commented on the confidence interval of the climate study results.</p> <p>Felix Ngassa announced that Bernie Sanders will be at the Fieldhouse tonight.</p>	
8. Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 4:47pm.</p>	

