Grand Valley State University
Executive Committee of the Senate
Minutes of March 20, 2015

Present: Ed Aboufadel, Robert Adams (for Nandigam), Scott Berlin, Shawn Bultsma, Kurt Fanning (for Bhagwat), Karen Gipson (Chair), Meri Goehring, Brian Lakey, Nancy Levenburg, Felix Ngassa, Tonya Parker (Vice Chair), Andrew Plague (Student Senate President), Lynn Sheehan, Brent Smith (for Burns-Ardolino), Joy Washburn

Absent: Christine Smith, Deana Weibel

Ex Officio: Maria Cimitile, Gayle Davis, Kathy Gulembo, Jon Jellema

Guests: Fred Antczak, Melissa Morison, Dana Munk, Michelle Lusky, Rodd Lowell, Julie White

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of March 20, 2015 as reviewed	The Agenda of March 20, 2015 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of March 13, 2015 were reviewed.	The Minutes of March 13, 2015 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that the elections for ECS/UAS Chair will take place on April 17. Deana Weibel and Wendy Burns-Ardolino have agreed to run the election; those interested in the Chair or Vice Chair position can send their statements to Lisa Surman Haight by April 10. The Chair provided an update on the progress of the Teach-In scheduled for April 2 and provided an update of the curriculum items and upcoming agenda items. She further reported that there is a year-end reception on April 17 in the West Gallery of Eberhard Center.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Davis reported that at the most recent Senior Management Team meeting there was discussion surrounding the Paternity/Maternity Leave/ Adoption proposal, which regrettably is unable to be supported at this time. She answered questions raised from the floor.	

5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Plague reported that Julie Guevara presented the Strategic plan to the Student Senate and Maria Cimitile presented on the Big Data initiative. He further reported that Student Senate is working with Sustainability on how to promote recycling at off campus housing.	
6. Old Business	a) Karen Gipson presented the response from the 2/19/15 meeting of Black Student Coalition. She further reported that another meeting was held on 3/10/15. Discussion. A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to RESOLVE that on behalf of the faculty, the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate reaffirms its commitment to achieving a diverse work place and invites VP Bernal to address the senate to help us under the information in of the AA and diversity plan workforce report. b) Discussion was heard on how to handle requests for presentations at UAS meetings and identifying guidelines with various suggestions made.	**MOTION:** The Executive Committee of the Senate resolves that on behalf of the faculty, the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate reaffirms its commitment to achieving a diverse work place and invites VP Bernal to address the senate to help us under the information in of the AA and diversity plan workforce report. **APPROVED Unanimously**
7. New Business	a. Kathy Gulembo presented an overview of the Computing Advisory Committee revisions for Faculty Handbook that were distributed earlier. Discussion. Questions were addressed from the floor. A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the revisions to the Computing Advisory Committee and *Faculty Handbook* language as presented, and forward to UAs with a recommendation of support . b. Melissa Morison presented an overview of the University-Level Personnel Review Task Force Report that was distributed earlier. Discussion, during which time several questions were raised. A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to forward the University-Level Personnel Review Task Force Report to the University Academic Senate. The Ask TF to work on implementation and clarify points raised in discussion.	**MOTION:** The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the revisions to the Computing Advisory Committee and Faculty Handbook language as presented, and forward to UAs with a recommendation of support. **APPROVED Unanimously** **MOTION:** The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the University-Level Personnel Review Task Force Report to the University Academic Senate. The University-Level Personnel Review Task Force will be asked to work on implementation and clarify points raised in discussion at this meeting. **APPROVED Unanimously**

	c. Dana Munk presented an overview of Adjunct Faculty and distributed material for review. During her presentation she asked ECS to consider ways to include adjunct faculty in Faculty Governance. Discussion. It was agreed by consensus to end discussion on this subject and pick up as old business at the next ECS meeting.	
8. Open Comment		
9. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:02pm	