

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of September 12, 2014

Present: Ed Aboufadel, Scott Berlin, Yatin Bhagwat, Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Karen Gipson (Chair), Paul Jorgensen, Brian Lakey, Nancy Levenburg, Felix Ngassa, Tonya Parker, Andrew Plague (Student Senate President), Lynn Sheehan, Jason Siko (for Shawn Bultsma), Christine Smith, Dan Vaughn (for Meri Goehring), Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel.

Ex Officio: Maria Cimitile, Kathy Gulembo.

Guests: Carly Simpson (Lanthorn).

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 12, 2014 was reviewed	The Agenda of September 12, 2014 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of September 5, 2014 were reviewed.	The Minutes of September 5, 2014 were approved as corrected.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair presented a video on Teach-in that was held last fall. A summary will be presented at the UAS meeting. The Chair and Student Senate President are having follow-up meetings regarding the Interfaith Space. She also reported on the recent meeting on committee overlap.	
4. Report from Provost	In the absence of Provost Davis, Kathy Gulembo made no report. In response to questions, Maria Cimitile presented an overview of John Berry's role across campus and the Design Thinking Initiative currently underway, and Kathy Gulembo explained how the enrollment data has changed in certain areas, especially the Health Sciences.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Plague reported on the 9-11 tribute. He also reported that on Wednesday, September 17 the SOS mobile express will be on campus from 10am to 4pm.; the Interfaith Space is also being pursued, and Campus Affairs is looking at how to integrate the Sustainable Agricultural Project. Campus Affairs is also continuing to push for sidewalks on Pierce and W.Campus drive.	

Approved October 3, 2014

<p>6. OLD Business</p>	<p>a. The Chair presented a reminder that the present discussion on service stemmed from the Faculty Forum of Fall 2013. She presented data showing the attendance rate on the various standing committees. A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to take no action on this item. Discussion.</p> <p>Further discussion. <u>A Motion was made and seconded</u> to include a paragraph in the annual charges to Standing Committee chairs regarding the importance of attendance at meetings along with guidelines for handling chronic absenteeism.</p> <p>There was continued discussion on other aspects of service. A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to recommend charging FPPC with exploring the need to provide more documentation of service, and make recommendations. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> for ECS form a small subcommittee to come up with suggestions to clarify existing language about reporting the of nature of service. Discussion. The Chair asked for volunteers to serve on this task force.</p> <p>b. There was discussion on Fall Faculty Forum topics, including expected outcomes. Additional items were added based on discussion, and the best days of the week were identified. The Chair asked senators to email her with any specific conflicts.</p> <p>c. There was discussion on a draft resolution in support of Interfaith Space. A draft document will be distributed for review.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate will take no action on this item. Motion Failed with 1 abstention</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate recommends that the chair of ECS include a paragraph in the annual charges to Standing Committee chairs regarding the importance of attendance at meetings along with guidelines for handling chronic absenteeism. APPROVED Unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate recommends charging FPPC with exploring the need to provide more documentation of service, and make recommendations. Motion Failed with 1 abstention</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate shall form a small subcommittee to come up with suggestions to clarify existing language about reporting the of nature of service. APPROVED Yes 12; No 3; Abstentions 1</p>
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7. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Chair presented an overview of the rationale for the organization of administrative structures at GVSU, based on her conversation with Provost Davis. b. There was discussion regarding presentations that Senate would like to see this year. Topics include: Budget , Strategic Positioning, FTLC (prior to Forum), Student Success Collaborative, MapWorks, Freshman/New Student Orientation, Security. c. The Social Media Policy discussion will be conducted at the next ECS meeting. 	
d. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:45p	