

Grand Valley State University University Academic Senate Minutes of September 25, 2015

- Present:** Ed Aboufadel, Charles Baker-Clark, Deborah Bambini, Christina Beaudoin, James Bell, Scott Berlin, Yatin Bhagwat, Shawn Bultsma, Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Maddie Cleghorn (Student Senate President), Danielle DeMuth, Jacquelynn Doyon-Martin, Kurt Fanning, Shirley Fleischmann, Ella Fritzeimer (Student Senate), Karen Gipson (Chair), Meri Goehring, Douglas Graham, Jason Herlands, Jonathan Hodge (for Christopher Haven), Brian Lakey, Paula Lancaster, Jonathan Leidig, Claudia Leiras, Nancy Levenburg, Chad Lingwood, George Lundskow, Kin Ma, John Martin (for Christopher Toth), Douglas Montagna, Felix Ngassa (Vice Chair), Mary O’Kelly, Tonya Parker, Chuck Pazdernik, Lauren Presutti (GSA President), Elizabeth Psyck, Kathryn Remlinger, Ross Reynolds, Samhita Rhodes, Dawn Richiert, James Sanford, Georgette Sass, Jason Siko, Regina Smith (for Matthew Boelkins), Melissa Tallman, Cynthia Thompson (for Kathryn Remlinger), Jody Vogelzang, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel, Lawrence Williams (Student Senate), Randy Wyble, Donald Zinman
- Absent:** Maria Beelen (Student Senate), Paul Cornish
- Ex Officio:** Maria Cimitile, Kathy Gulembo
- Guests:** Jim Bachmeier, Vice President for Finance and Administration; Tom Butcher, Vice President and University Counsel; Paul Plotkowski, Dean, Padnos College of Engineering and Computing; Robert Hollister, Chair, Faculty Salary and Budget Committee

The meeting was called to order at 3:01pm. Members introduced themselves.

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 25, 2015 was reviewed.	The Agenda of September 25, 2015 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of April 17, 2015 were reviewed.	The Minutes of April 17, 2015 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair presented an update of events that have occurred since last year, and gave highlights of the work of the ECS over the summer, including increasing safety on the Pew campus, establishing guidelines for presentations to the senate, an initial review of university committees, initial development of a faculty forum (to be held in late Oct/early Nov), and initial teach-in planning (Thurs. Jan 21) She also presented upcoming agenda items.	
4. Report from Provost	Maria Cimitile reported that Provost Davis is in Washington, D.C. and sends her regrets that she is not able to attend the UAS meeting. Dr. Cimitile further reported that there will be changes within the Office of the Provost, including the retirement of Jon Jellema at the end of the semester and Nancy Giardina returning to faculty status. Kathy Gulembo presented various enrollment data. Questions raised from the floor were addressed. Additional information can be found online at www.gvsu.edu/ia	

5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Cleghorn presented an overview of the upcoming work of Student Senate, including student engagement, bringing a mobile Secretary of State to campus, and initiatives surrounding Campus Culture/Student Life.	
6. New Business	<p>a. The Chair presented an overview of the recommended changes to UAC Membership that were distributed earlier.</p> <p><u>The motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the changes to the University Assessment Committee was voted on.</p> <p>b. Paul Plotkowski presented an overview of the PCEC by-laws revisions that were distributed earlier.</p> <p><u>The motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the revisions to the Padnos College of Engineering and Computing by-laws was voted on.</p> <p>c. Tonya Parker presented an overview of the creation of an Affiliate Faculty Advisory Council that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p><u>The motion</u> forwarded by Executive CS to create an Affiliate Faculty Advisory Committee was voted on.</p> <p>d. Tom Butcher, University Counsel, presented a brief overview of his role and responsibilities at the University. He further presented an overview of the new appeal process for personnel actions that were distributed earlier. Discussion</p> <p><u>The motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the new appeal process for personnel actions was voted on.</p> <p>e. Ed Aboufadel presented an overview of the USETI report that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p><u>The motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the USETI report was voted on.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the changes to the University Assessment Committee as presented. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the revisions to the Padnos College of Engineering and Computing by-laws as presented. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the creation of an Affiliate Faculty Advisory Council as presented. APPROVED with 1 abstention</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the new appeal process for personnel actions as discussed, including minor language modifications made at the meeting. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the USETI Report as presented. APPROVED Unanimously</p>

	f. Jim Bachmeier, Vice President for Finance and Administration, distributed material for review and presented an overview of the University Budget, and answered questions raised from the floor.
7. Open Comment	
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:04pm