Grand Valley State University University Academic Senate Minutes of September 26, 2014

**Present**: Deb Bambini, Scott Berlin, Yatin Bhagwat, Matt Boelkins, Shawn Bultsma, Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Alaina Clarke (GSA President), Maddie Cleghorn (Student Senate), Paul Cornish, Danielle DeMuth, Jacquelynn Doyon-Martin, Kurt Fanning, Karen Gipson (Chair), Meri Goehring, Natalia Gomez, Doug Graham, Chris Haven, Jonathan Hodge (for Ed Aboufadel), Brian Lakey, Paula Lancaster, Nancy Levenburg, Kin Ma, Emma Moulton (Student Senate), Harvey Nikkel, Felix Ngassa, Mary O’Kelly, LeShell Palmer (for Jeanne Stoddard),Tonya Parker (Vice Chair), Andrew Plague (Student Senate President), Kathryn Remlinger, Ross Reynolds, Samhita Rhodes, Dawn Richiert, , Scott St. Louis (Student Senate), Jim Sanford, Michael Sciarini, Lynn Sheehan, Jason Siko, Christine Smith, Jiyeon Suh, Melissa Tallman, Christopher Toth, Deana Weibel, Randy Wyble, Donald Zinman

**Absent:** Bogdan Adamczyk, Paul Jorgensen, Chad Lingwood, Jeffrey Rothstein, Bill Ryan, Joy Washburn

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

**Guests:** Jim Bachmeier

The meeting was called to order at 3: 00 pm

Introductions and Welcome

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| Agenda Items | Discussion | Action / Decisions |
| 1. Approval of Agenda | The Agenda of September 26, 2014 was reviewed. | The Agenda of September 26, 2014 was  approved. |
| 2. Approval of Minutes | The Minutes of April 26, 2014 were reviewed. | The Minutes of April 26, 2014 were  approved. |
| 3. Report from Chair | The Chair presented the names of the standing committee chairs for  2014-15, along with the work completed in 2013-14 and other advocacy recommendations. The Chair presented an overview of the work she and the Vice Chair completed over the summer, as well as a summary of the ECS meetings held this year. She further reported that the Faculty Forum Topic was decided and announced the dates in  November. A brief overview of the submitted program proposals was presented along with an overview of the senate schedule. |  |
| 4. Report from Provost | Provost Davis reported on the enrollment figures for 2014-15 and  announced a 2.1% increase in credit hours. She further reported that minority enrollment is at 15.6%, and there is a 3% increase in fulltime students overall. She further reported that the search for the Inclusion and Equity Vice President is starting up again and a search firm was contracted.  She further reported on the status of the Ombuds position and stated that a proposal for a compromise position will be presented at a later time. |  |

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|  | Questions were raised and answered from the floor.  Two meetings are scheduled in October regarding Design Thinking. |  |
| 5. Report from Student Senate | Student Senate President Plague introduced three of his cabinet  members. He further reported that the senate social media has been revamped and the majority of positions on university committees have been filled. He also noted that more graduate students have been given seats on the committees and introduced the GSA president. Other Student Senate initiatives were announced including annual  support of the GV Children’s Fund during the Battle of the Valleys; opening the Last Lecture (November 20) nominations to faculty (more information can be found at <http://bit.ly/1BdZIoV>); and using “campus conversations” to address any issues on topics that may be raised by the campus community. |  |
| 6. New Business | a. The Chair presented an overview of the Interfaith/Contemplative  Space Resolution that was distributed earlier.  A Motion was made and seconded for UAS to endorse the resolution, as amended.  Discussion.  b. The Chair presented a YouTube video on the 2014 Teach-In.  Discussion was heard on whether it is worthwhile to do again and whether UAS should be involved.  A Motion was made and seconded for UAS to sponsor a Teach-In for this academic year.  c. Jim Bachmeier, Vice President for Finance and Administration, presented a Budget Orientation and distributed material for review. Discussion, with questions raised and answered from the floor. | **MOTION:** The University Academic Senate  endorses the Interfaith Space Resolution, as amended.  **Approved Unanimously**  **MOTION:** The University Academic Senate will sponsor a Teach-In for this academic year.  **APPROVED Unanimously** |
| 7. Open Comment |  |  |
| 8. Adjournment | The meeting adjourned at 5:02pm |  |