Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate Meeting

**Minutes of October 13, 2023**

**Present**: Yatin Bhagwat, Amy Campbell, Rachel Campbell, Tara Cornelius,Susan Harrington, Courtney Karasinski (Vice Chair), Salvador Lopez-Arias, Hazel McClure, Amy McFarland, Jared Moore, Felix Ngassa (Chair),Chuck Pazdernik,Quinten Proctor (Student Senate President), Karyn Rabourn, Robert Talbert, Deana Weibel

**Absent:** Chris Cruz (for Anne Sergeant)

##### Ex Officio: Fatma Mili, Ed Aboufadel, Erica Hamilton, Paul Plotkowski

##### Guests: Nick Baine, Travus Burton (Director for Civic Learning and Community Engagement); Jennifer Cymbola (Chair of AFAC; Standing Invitation to Attend ECS Meetings); Anna Hammersmith (Sociology Department and Faculty Fellow OURS); Laura Przybytek (Registrar’s Office).

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

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| **Agenda Items** | **Discussion** | **Action / Decision** |
| 1. Approval of Agenda | The Agenda of October 13, 2023, was reviewed. | The Agenda of October 13, 2023, was approved. |
| 1. Approval of Minutes | The Minutes of ECS Meeting of October 6, 2023, were reviewed. | The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of October 6, 2023, were approved. |
| 1. Report from Chair | Chair Ngassa reported that the fora held last week were successful and the summary will be available within two weeks.  He further reported that the Teach-In is scheduled for November 8 & 9.  The upcoming schedule and agenda items were shared. He further reported that there will not be an ECS meeting on October 20; additionally, the UAS meeting on October 27 will be held solely via Zoom, as well as the ECS meetings on November 3 and November 10.  Chair Ngassa noted that there will be discussion on having a dedicated meeting space for Faculty Senate.  Questions were addressed from the floor. |  |
| 1. Report from Provost | Provost Mili reported that the conversations at the faculty fora were constructive. She is preparing for the Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for November 3.  Additionally, she is attending a Teacher Equity Conference and GVSU 5th annual Climate Change Education Solutions Summit.  Questions were addressed from the floor. |  |
| 1. Report from Student Senate | Student Senate President Proctor reported that Student Senate is continuing to focus on internal restructuring this semester. They are also assisting with promoting the annual Teach-In that is coming up in November. He will continue to work on appointing student senators to university committees over the coming week. |  |
| 1. New Business | 1. Chris Haven presented an overview of the recommendations to the GEC Bylaws that was distributed earlier.   A Motion was made and seconded to support the recommendations to the GEC Bylaws and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support. 2. Chair Ngassa presented the highlights of the GEC recommendation on the Development of Assessment Materials that was distributed earlier.   A Motion was made and seconded to support the GEC recommendation on the Development of Assessment Materials and thank the committee for their work. 3. Chair Ngassa presented highlights of the GEC recommendation on an Example Curriculum Assessment Report that was distributed earlier.   A Motion was made and seconded to support the GEC recommendation on an Example Curriculum Assessment Report and thank the committee for their work.  .   1. Chair Ngassa presented highlights of the GEC recommendation on Training Materials for GEC Members that was distributed earlier.   A Motion was made and seconded to accept the GEC recommendation on Training Materials for GEC Members, thank the committee for their work and post the material on Faculty Governance and General Education Committee website. 2. Chair Ngassa presented highlights of the Proposal to Modify SG 2.06 that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.  A Motion was made and seconded that the ECS discussed the proposal to modify S.G. 2.06 and thanks Dr. Smart for bringing this to ECS’s attention. Senator McFarland and Senator Pazdernik will confer with Dr. Smart about collaboration on the document. 3. Provost Mili shared highlights on the Reorganization of Padnos College of Engineering and Computing (PCEC) that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.   A Motion was made and seconded to support the Reorganization of Padnos College of Engineering and Computing (PCEC) and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support the creation of two colleges. 4. AVP Hamilton presented the history of course designations, specifically Community-Based Learning (CBL). She shared additional data on the number of CBL courses currently offered at the university. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor. 5. Senator Pazdernik provided highlights of the proposed Bylaws Amendment to BOT 3.1.4.1 that will be presented at the Board Meeting of November 3, 2023. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.   During Open Comments, a senator expressed dismay at the comment(s) last week that faculty are “pliable” when addressing issues. | **MOTION:** The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the recommendations to the GEC Bylaws and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support. **APPROVED Unanimously**  **MOTION:** The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the GEC recommendation on the Development of Assessment Materials and thanks the committee for their work.  **APPROVED Unanimously**  **MOTION:** The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the GEC recommendation on an Example Curriculum Assessment Report and thanks the committee for their work.  **APPROVED Unanimously**  **MOTION:** The Executive Committee of the Senate accept the GEC recommendation on Training Materials for GEC Members, thank the committee for their work and post the material on Faculty Governance and General Education Committee website **APPROVED Unanimously**  **MOTION:** The Executive Committee of the Senate discussed the proposal to modify S.G. 2.06 and thanks Dr. Smart for bringing this to ECS’s attention. Senator McFarland and Senator Pazdernik will confer with Dr. Smart about collaboration on the document. **APPROVED Unanimously**  **MOTION:** The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Reorganization of Padnos College of Engineering and Computing (PCEC) and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support the creation of two colleges.  **APPROVED with 2 Abstentions** |
| 1. Adjournment | The meeting adjourned at 4:58pm |  |