

Grand Valley State University

University Academic Senate

Minutes of November 21, 2014

Present: Ed Aboufadel, Robert Adams (for Jag Nandigam), Deb Bambini, Scott Berlin, Yatin Bhagwat, Matt Boelkins, Shawn Bultsma, Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Alaina Clarke (GSA President), Paul Cornish, Danielle DeMuth, Bruce Dunne (for Bogdan Adamczyk), , Karen Gipson (Chair), Meri Goehring, Natalia Gomez, Doug Graham, Chris Haven, Brian Lakey, Paula Lancaster, Chad Lingwood, Nancy Levenburg, Kin Ma, Emma Moulton (Student Senate), Kristine Mullendore (for Jacquelynn Doyon-Walker), Harvey Nikkel, Felix Ngassa, Mary O’Kelly, Tonya Parker (Vice Chair), Andrew Plague (Student Senate President), Kathryn Remlinger, Dawn Richiert, Ross Reynolds, Samhita Rhodes, Scott St. Louis (Student Senate), Jim Sanford, Nancy Schoofs (for Joy Washburn, Lynn Sheehan, Jason Siko, Christine Smith, Jeanne Stoddard, Jiyeon Suh, Melissa Tallman, Chris Toth, Deana Weibel, Randy Wyble, Donald Zinman

Absent: Maddie Cleghorn, Kurt Fanning, Emma Moulton, Jeffrey Rothstein, Michael Sciarini

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

Guests: Liz Collver, Renee Freeman, Dwight Hamilton, Michelle Lussy, Marlene Kowalski-Braun, Dana Munk, Theresa Rowland, Rainesha Williams

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of November 21, 2014 was reviewed.	The Agenda of November 21, 2014 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of October 31, 2014 were reviewed.	The Minutes of October 31, 2014 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that ECS acted on behalf of UAS to support changes to the ULFA bylaws and updating FH language on Course Grades. She reported on ECS activities since the last UAS meeting and presented the upcoming agenda items.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Davis reported that her office is working on budget items and facilities master planning discussions with the Board of Trustees. She further reported that the sabbatical review process is underway.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Plague reported that a campus forum was held on November 6 and provided an opportunity for students to voice concerns and ask questions of administrators on issues of campus safety and sexual assault. He further reported that the Last Lecture held last night, Nov. 20th, featuring Dr. Chuck Pazdernik was very successful. The event was also live streamed and will be available online. He recognized Student Senator Scott St. Louis for his leadership in planning the event. He further reported that the Student Senate passed a resolution in support of the newly labeled Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies	

	department, and the Diversity Affairs Committee has been working with Dr. Wenner to make changes to improve experiences of transgender students, faculty and staff.	
6. New Business	<p>a. Kin Ma presented an overview of the GVSU Martin Luther King, Jr. material that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>The motion forwarded from the Executive Committee of the Senate to endorse the GVSU Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Week was voted on.</p> <p>b. Robert Adams presented an overview of the changes to the New Program Council that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>The motion forwarded from the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the University Curriculum Committee recommendation to change the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language at 2.04.H.3.a, paragraph 3 regarding New Program Council Membership that was distributed earlier was voted on.</p> <p>c. Robert Adams presented an overview of the changes to Faculty Handbook regarding the review process of new minors that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>The motion forwarded from the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the University Curriculum Committee recommendation to change the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language at 2.04.I.2 regarding the Review of New Minors that was distributed earlier was voted on.</p> <p>d. The Chair presented an overview of the motion to assemble a task force that was distributed earlier. It was noted that the Higher Learning Commission also mentions process, and a suggestion was made from the floor to look at Towson and perhaps examine the process each college uses to make decisions on tenure and promotion</p> <p>The motion forwarded from the Executive Committee of the Senate to approve the creation of a task force to address the Higher Learning Commission's concerns about GVSU's lack of a university-</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate endorses the GVSU MLK Commemoration Week. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate support the University Curriculum Committee recommendation to change the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language at 2.04.H.3.a, paragraph 3 regarding New Program Council Membership. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the University Curriculum Committee recommendation to change the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> language at 2.04.I.2 regarding the Review of New Minors APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate approves the creation of a task force to address the HLC's concerns about GVSU's lack of a university-level personnel review APPROVED Unanimously</p>

	<p>level personnel review was voted on.</p> <p>e. Ed Aboufadel presented an overview of the USETI report that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>The motion forwarded from the Executive Committee of the Senate that the University Academic Senate directs USETI to develop implementation plans for the IASystem, using as many of the forms in that system that makes sense, and seeking input from stakeholders on campus was voted on.</p> <p>The Task Force was thanked for their work and for working collaboratively.</p> <p>A five-minute recess at 3:55pm. The meeting reconvened at 4pm.</p> <p>f. Liz Collver presented an overview of the Laker for a Lifetime initiative.</p> <p>A 10-minute recess was called at 4:15pm. The meeting reconvened at 4:28pm.</p> <p>g. Dwight Hamilton presented information on sexual assaults and safety issues and reported what criteria are used when sending timely warning notices to the campus community.</p> <p>He further reported that the Office of Civil Rights has audited Grand Valley and Grand Valley has forwarded numerous documents to them.</p> <p>He further reported that a new interim sexual misconduct policy has been developed and will be disseminated at a later date. A mandatory training will be required of all faculty and staff as a legal expectation.</p> <p>Numerous questions were raised from the floor. Police Chief Renee Freeman provided clarification on some of the specifics of the warning notifications and the timing of them. Additional questions were raised from the floor on the mandatory training, and on faculty reporting requirements, and bystander intervention.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate directs USETI to develop implementation plans for the <i>IASystem</i>, using as many of the forms in that system that makes sense, and seeking input from stakeholders on campus.</p> <p>APPROVED 42 Yes; 2 No</p>
7. Open Comment	(none)	
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:01pm	