Grand Valley State University Executive Committee of the Senate September 18, 2020

Online: Yatin Bhagwat, Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Tara Cornelius, Chris Haven, Courtney Karasinski, Salvador Lopez-Arias, Jared Moore, Felix Ngassa

(Chair), Chuck Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Kathryn Remlinger, Georgette Sass, Anne Sergeant, , Melanie Shell-Weiss, Agnieszka Szarecka, Eric-John

Szczepaniak (Student Senate President), Joy Washburn

Absent:

Ex Officio: Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel, Suzeanne Benet, Ellen Schendel

Guests: Pam Wells (AVP & University Registrar)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items		Discussion	Action / Decision
1.	Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 18, 2020 was reviewed	The Agenda of September 18, 2020 was approved.
2.	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of September 11, 2020 were reviewed.	The Minutes of September 11, 2020 were approved.
3.	Report from Chair	Chair Ngassa provided several updates of the work of ECS and reminded faculty of the upcoming Anti-Racism, White Consciousness Learning cohort in October and November and the Teach-In (virtual) on November 11. He further reported on the proposed schedule and upcoming agenda items.	
4.	Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile provided and update on Ottawa County Health Department "Stay at Home" order for Allendale Township, and AVP Aboufadel presented additional data. Questions were addressed from the floor.	
5.	Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Szczepaniak reported that this is his final meeting as President.	
6.	New Business	 a. Chair Ngassa presented an overview of the Student Media Advisory Board Faculty Representatives that were distributed earlier and accepted nominations from the floor. 	
		b. Eric-John Szczepaniak presented an overview of the Student Senate Resolution on Declaring a Climate Emergency that was distributed earlier. Discussion.	MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate receives the resolution and expresses their appreciation to the Student Senate for
		A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> for the Executive Committee of the Senate to receive the resolution and express their appreciation to the Student Senate for raising these issues. They further will place the resolutions' recommendations on the agenda for discussion at the ECS summer retreat.	raising these issues. They further will place the resolutions' recommendations on the agenda for discussion at the ECS summer retreat. APPROVED 13 Yes; 1 No; 2 Abstain

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	 c. Eric-John Szczepaniak presented an overview of the Student Senate Resolution on Student Bereavement Policy that was distribute earlier. Discussion. A motion was made and seconded to refer this resolution to the Academic Policies and Standards Committee as an essential charge for 2020-21 and make a recommendation to ECS. 	MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate refers this resolution to the Academic Policies and Standards Committee as an essential charge for 2020-21 and make a recommendation to ECS. APPROVED Unanimously
	d. Pam Wells, Registrar, provided an overview of the various modalities available and how to access the material on the website. Discussion	
	e. Melanie Shell-Weiss presented an overview of the "We Care" project for ECS endorsement and participation in the project.	MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate endorses the "We Care" project. APPROVED Unanimously
	A motion was made and seconded to endorse the "We Care" project. This will be added to the UAS Agenda and added to the Office of the Provost website.	,
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:01pm	

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