

Grand Valley State University

University Academic Senate

Minutes of January 30, 2015

Present: Ed Aboufadel, Bogdan Adamczyk, Robert Adams (for Jag Nandigam), Deb Bambini, Scott Berlin, Yatin Bhagwat, Matt Boelkins, Shawn Bultsma, Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Alaina Clarke (GSA President), Maddie Cleghorn (Student Senator), Paul Cornish, Danielle De Muth, Jacquelyn Doyon, Kurt Fanning, Ella Fritzmeier (Student Senate), Karen Gipson (Chair), Meri Goehring, Doug Graham, Chris Haven, Brian Lakey, Paula Lancaster, Chad Lingwood, Nancy Levenburg, Kin Ma, Emma Moulton (Student Senate), Harvey Nikkel, Felix Ngassa, Mary O'Kelly, Tonya Parker (Vice Chair), Chuck Pazdernik (for Bill Ryan), Andrew Plague (Student Senate President), Kathryn Remlinger, Ross Reynolds, Samhita Rhodes, Dawn Richiert, Jeffrey Rothstein, Jim Sanford, Lynn Sheehan, Jason Siko, Jeanne Stoddard, Jiyeon Suh, Melissa Tallman, Chris Toth, Joy Washburn, Keith Watts (for Natalia Gomez), Deana Weibel, Randy Wyble, Donald Zinman

Absent: Christine Smith, Michael Sciarini

Ex Officio: Maria Cimitile, Gayle Davis, Nancy Giardina, Paul Plotkowski

Guests: Audra Gamble, Joshua Stickney, Julie White, Michele Lussky, Dana Munk, Emily Frigo

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm
Members introduced themselves

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of January 30, 2015 was reviewed.	The Agenda of January 30, 2015 was amended, and approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of November 21, 2014 were reviewed.	The Minutes of November 21, 2014 were approved, as amended.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported on the activities of ECS in December and January. She further reported on progress of the two UAS Taskforces: the UPR Taskforce has met and scheduled Town Hall meetings in early February and will make recommendations to the senate in March; the USETI Taskforce has met and will make recommendations to the senate in March/April. She also announced upcoming agenda and calendar items and curriculum updates.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Davis reported there are 23,494 students enrolled, with an increase in unduplicated minority students over prior semesters, and further reported an increase in credit hours. She announced that the State of Michigan expecting a significant budget deficit. She further reported that two personnel searches are underway in her office; one for an Assistant Vice President to replace Julie Guevara, and another to replace Elaine Collins, Dean of the College of Education.	

5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Plague reported that Student Senate is working on their budget. He reported on several initiatives in progress, and reported that the Student Senate election process is underway. The 28 th Annual President's Ball is scheduled for February 4 with Prof. David Eick being honored.	
6. New Business	<p>a. Nancy Giardina and Matt Boelkins distributed material on Freshman Orientation and Retention and presented a framework for discussion. An overview of First Year Advising and Registration was presented and discussed.</p> <p>b. Deana Weibel presented an overview of the recommended changes to Service Language that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p><i>The Motion forwarded from ECS to support the revisions to the Faculty Handbook language regarding service was voted on.</i></p> <p>c. The Chair presented an overview of the 2014 Teach-In and identified changes for 2015. A call for proposals and volunteers for the April 2 Teach-In 2015 was made and will be distributed to all faculty, staff and students in the coming weeks. Several people volunteered for various subcommittees. Faculty were encouraged to consider their commitments and send an email to the chair if they are interested in volunteering to help with the Teach-in.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the recommended changes to Service Language as presented.</p> <p>APPROVED Unanimously</p>
7. Open Comment	<p>Student Scholars Day registration is open.</p> <p>There was a GVSU student spotlight story on Michigan Public Radio. WZZM ran a story on an engineering student with a disability who designed a seat for himself and won gold in X-games.</p>	
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:24.	