

Grand Valley State University
Executive Committee of the Senate Meeting
Minutes of January 12, 2024

Present: Yatin Bhagwat, Rachel Campbell, Tara Cornelius, Susan Harrington, Chris Haven, Courtney Karasinski (Vice Chair), Salvador Lopez-Arias, Leifa Mayers, Jared Moore, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Linda Pickett, Quinten Proctor (Student Senate President), Gayle Schaub, Anne Sergeant, Kevin Strychar, Robert Talbert, Deana Weibel

Absent:

Ex Officio: Fatma Mili, Ed Aboufadel, Erica Hamilton, Christine Rener,

Guests: Jennifer Cymbola, Bradford Dykes, Louis Moore, Carolyn Shapiro-Shapin

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of January 12, 2024 was reviewed.	The Agenda of January 12, 2024, was approved as amended by removing 6.g. and moving 6.h. to 6.a.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of December 8, 2023.	The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of December 8, 2023, were approved.
3. Report from Chair	Chair Ngassa welcomed all to a new year and semester. He reported that the Japanese Minor prospectus was approved at the recent New Program Council meeting and shared the changes made to the ECS/UAS meeting schedule. Chair Ngassa asked senators to send proposed faculty forum topics directly to him. Questions addressed from the floor.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Mili welcomed everyone to a new semester and reminded all about the MLK Jr. celebrations next week. She reported that there is ongoing concern for students and helping them to be successful. In the next edition of <i>Lakers Ready</i> the investments around student success and faculty support will be highlighted. She further reported that Town Halls are scheduled later in January with herself, VP Hall-Jones and VP Truss.	
5. Report from	Student Senate President Proctor reported that Student Senate plans	

Student Senate	<p>to ratify their new governing documents next week and will be presenting their new structure at the State of the Student Senate event on January 25th at 5pm in the Pere Marquette Room at Kirkhof Center.</p> <p>He will discuss admissions and retention with the rest of Student Senate to brainstorm what can be done from the student perspective.</p>	
6. New Business	<p>a. Louis Moore presented an overview of the events during MLK Commemoration Week for Winter 2024.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to act on behalf of UAS to endorse the MLK Commemoration Week for Winter 2024.</p> <p>b. Carolyn Shapiro-Shapin provided an overview of the APSC recommendation on Policy Language Surrounding Academic Minors that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the APSC recommendation on Policy Language Surrounding Academic Minors and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>c. Carolyn Shapiro-Shapin provided an overview of the APSC recommendation on Workday Implementation that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the APSC recommendation on Workday Implementation and thank the committee for their work.</p> <p>d. Bradford Dykes provided an overview of the OEMC recommendation on Faculty Course Approval that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate acts on behalf of UAS to endorse the MLK Commemoration Week for Winter 2024. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the APSC recommendation on Policy Language Surrounding Academic Minors and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts APSC recommendation on Workday Implementation and thanks the committee for their work. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate support the OEMC recommendation on Faculty Course</p>

	<p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the OEMC recommendation on Faculty Course Approval and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>e. Bradford Dykes presented an overview of the OEMC recommendation on Faculty Certification for Online and Hybrid Teaching that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to thank the committee for their work and send it back to reconsider the 5-year renewal of professional development and training.</p> <p>f. Chair Ngassa provided overview of the GEC recommendation on Teaching Materials that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the GEC recommendation and thank the committee for their work.</p> <p>g. Chair Ngassa shared highlights of the GEC recommendation on the GEC Website that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the GEC recommendation and thank the committee for their work</p> <p>h. Discussion was heard on possible themes for the 2024 UAS Newsletter. A deadline for submission of material is March 20, 2024. Further information will be provided.</p> <p>i. During Open Comments, concerns were shared related to enrollment data/retention of minority students. It was noted that official data will be available in the coming week(s). Additionally, the variable ways admissions are rated was presented as concerning, with a call for more services to support student</p>	<p>Approval and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate thanks the committee for their work and send it back to reconsider the 5-year renewal of professional development and training. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the GEC recommendation and thanks the committee for their work. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the GEC recommendation and thanks the committee for their work. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
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	<p>retention.</p> <p>The coordinated national attacks against DEI in higher education were mentioned, and questions raised on what can be done to strengthen GVSU. Provost Mili noted that this general topic was discussed at MAS and every discipline has their own contribution to defend unfair/biased attacks.</p>	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm	