

Grand Valley State University
University Academic Senate
Minutes of February 12, 2021

- Present:** Majd Al-Mallah, Yatin Bhagwat, Matthew Boelkins, Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Ke’asha Cargill (Student Senate), Adrian Copeland, Tara Cornelius, Alisha Davis, Nancy DeFrance, Brian Deyo, Kelly Dowker (Student Senate President), Shirley Fleischmann, John Gabrosek, Gary Greer, Christopher Haven, Barb Hooper, Dave Huizen, Naoki Kanaboshi, Courtney Karasinski, Tara Kneeshaw (for Mary Bower Russa), Salvador Lopez-Arias, Hazel McClure, Amy McFarland, Marie McKendall, Grace McMahan (Student Senate), Jared Moore, Oindrila Mukerjee, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Tonya Parker, Charles Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Karyn Rabourn, Wil Rankinen, Kathryn Remlinger, Dawn Richiert, Georgette Sass, Anne Sergeant, Patrick Shan, Ashley Shannon, Melanie Shell-Weiss, Paul Sicilian, Kevin Strychar, Agnieszka Szarecka, Melissa Tallman, Joshua Veazey, Jody Vogelzang, Adrienne Wallace, Jeff Ward, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel, Andrew Wilson
- Absent:** Christine Beaudoin
- Ex Officio:** Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel, Suzeanne Benet, Bonnie Bowen, Jennifer Drake, Chris Plouff, Mark Schaub, Ellen Schendel, Sherril Soman
- Guests:** Mary Albrecht, Rene Ardila, Tara Bivens, Polly Diven, Paul Fishback, Karen Gipson, Bob Hollister, Laurence Jose, Kin Ma, Kimberly McKee, Dawn Rutecki, Greg Sanial, Mike Stoll, Michael Szydowski, Richard Vallery, Megan Woller-Skar, Janet Winter

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of February 12, 2021 was reviewed.	The Agenda of February 12, 2021 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of UAS December 4, 2020 were reviewed.	The Minutes of UAS December 4, 2020 were approved.
3. Report from the Chair	Chair Ngassa reported that Faculty Forums on Shared Governance are scheduled for Tuesday, February 16 at 2:30pm and Wednesday, February 17 at 10:30am. He noted that two faculty representatives are needed to work on revising the First Year Experience program; self-nominations are due to him by Tuesday, February 16. He further noted that the deadline to submit an article and photo for the 2020-21 Senate Newsletter: LAKER Tenacity in the Face of COVID -19 is March 26.	
4. Report from the Provost	Provost Cimitile reported on the enrollment data for winter 2021. She noted that the current contract with Blackboard will expire in 2024 and VP Topic is looking at alternatives with faculty/staff input.	
5. Report from the Student Senate President	Student Senate Vice President McMahan reported on behalf of President Dowker on various initiatives underway. Student Senate Week is February 22, and the faculty selected for the Last Lecture Series are Adam Boyden from Chemistry, Alisha Davis from Allied Health Science, and Jerry Stinnett from Writing. She further noted that March 11 will be the State of the Student Body Address.	
6. New Business	a. Mark Schaub, Tara Bivens, Janet Winter and others on the 2025 Steering Committee presented an overview of the	

	<p>Reach Higher Together (RHT) 2025 Steering Progress Report. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>b. Greg Sanial, VP for Finance & Administration, presented updates on the University Budget and answered questions from the floor.</p> <p>c. Michael Szydowski presented updates on the 2020 Title IX Regulations.</p> <p>d. Provost Cimitile framed the Program Review for discussion before AVP Schendel presented an overview of the groups' work to date. Discussion and questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>It was agreed by consensus to extend the meeting for 30 minutes.</p> <p>e. Paul Sicilian presented an overview of the recommended changes to the LIFT-MC committee membership in SG Policies that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support LIFT-MC recommendation on Membership in SG Policies was voted on.</p> <p>f. Marie McKendall presented an overview of the FPPC recommendation on where tenure resides that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the FPPC recommendation on where tenure resides was voted on.</p> <p>Open Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roger That! will be virtually held February 19 and 20 http://www.gvsu.edu/rogerthat • A question was raised on whether vaccines will be provided to higher education professionals. • Question on actively recruiting minority staff and students and how to fully engage them. • Scheduling of virtual courses and requirements for Fall 2021. 	<p>MOTION: University Academic Senate supports the recommended changes to the LIFT-MC committee membership in SG Policies. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: University Academic Senate supports the FPPC recommendation on where tenure resides. APPROVED 44 Yes; 0 No; 1 Abstain</p>
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7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:26pm	