

Grand Valley State University  
University Academic Senate  
**Minutes of March 19, 2021**

- Present:** Majd Al-Mallah, Christine Beaudoin, Yatin Bhagwat, Matthew Boelkins, Mary Bower Russa, Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Adrian Copeland, Tara Cornelius, Alisha Davis, Nancy DeFrance, Brian Deyo, Shirley Fleischmann, John Gabrosek, Christopher Haven, Barb Hooper, Dave Huizen, Naoki Kanaboshi, Courtney Karasinski, Salvador Lopez-Arias, Hazel McClure, Amy McFarland, Marie McKendall, 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, Agnieszka Szarecka, Melissa Tallman, Joshua Veazey, Jody Vogelzang, Adrienne Wallace, Jeff Ward, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel, Andrew Wilson
- Absent:** Kelly Dowker, Gary Greer, Kevin Strychar
- Ex Officio:** Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel, Suzanne Benet, Bonnie Bowen, Laurence Jose, Diana Lawson, Paul Plotkowski, Chris Plouff, Jeff Potteiger, Mark Schaub, Sherril Soman
- Guests:** Doug Graham (Member of VAT); Ben Holder (Member of VAT); Robert Hollister (Chair of FSBC); Dave Huizen (Member of VAT); Jeff Potteiger (Dean of the Graduate School & Chair of CCPS/COE Restructuring Task Force); Wendy Reffeor, Dawn Rutecki, Mike Stoll, Miloš Topić (VP for IT & Chief Digital Officer); Kristen Vu (Chair of APSC).

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of March 19, 2021 was reviewed.	The Agenda of March 19, 2021 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of February 12, 2021 were reviewed.	The Minutes of February 12, 2021 were approved.
3. Report from the Chair	Chair Ngassa reported that there is still time to submit an article for the UAS newsletter. He further reported on the New Programs Council and the upcoming schedule and agenda items.	
4. Report from the Provost	Provost Cimitile thanked all for their work during the semester. She reported that a return to face-to-face instruction is expected for the fall following health guidelines; commencement this semester will be conducted virtually, with opportunities for smaller in-person events. She further reported that Diana Lawson is spearheading the task force looking at ways to help the downtown campuses become more robust, i.e. living/learning/dining and academic offerings. She also noted that Loren Rullman, VP student affairs/Dean of Students announced he is leaving the university at the end of the semester.	
5. Report from the Student Senate President	No Report	
6. New Business	a. Miloš Topić, Vice President for IT & Chief Digital Officer presented the strategic initiatives in the Information Technology division. Questions were addressed from the	

	<p>floor.</p> <p>b. Kristen Vu presented an overview of the APSC recommendation on modification to the Academic Forgiveness Policy that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the APSC recommendation on modification to the Academic Forgiveness Policy was voted on.</p> <p>c. Bob Hollister presented an overview of the FSBC Annual Salary Adjustment Request for 2021-22 that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the FSBC Annual Salary Adjustment Request for 2021-22 was voted on.</p> <p>d. Provost Cimitile thanked the members of the College of Community and Public Service/College of Education Restructuring Task Force. Jeff Potteiger shared the processes the task force followed. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>e. Ed Aboufadel presented an update from the Virus Action Team (VAT). Questions were addressed from the floor.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> University Academic Senate supports the APSC recommendation on modification to the Academic Forgiveness Policy. <b>APPROVED Unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> University Academic Senate supports the support the FSBC Annual Salary Adjustment Request for 2021-22. <b>APPROVED 38 Yes; 4 No; 3 Abstain</b></p>
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:59pm	