

Grand Valley State University
Executive Committee of the Senate Meeting
Minutes of March 22, 2024

Present: Yatin Bhagwat, Susan Harrington, Chris Haven, Courtney Karasinski (Vice Chair), Brian Lakey (for Tara Cornelius), Salvador Lopez-Arias, Leifa Mayers, Melissa Morison, 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, Bonnie Bowen

Guests: Jennifer Cymbola; Kathryn Stieler

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

| Agenda Items | Discussion | Action / Decision |
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| 1. Approval of Agenda | The Agenda of March 22, 2024, was reviewed. | The Agenda of March 22, 2024, was approved. |
| 2. Approval of Minutes | The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of February 23, 2024, were reviewed. | The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of February 23, 2024, were approved. |
| 3. Report from Chair | <p>Chair Ngassa reported on the theme for the 2024 UAS Newsletter is “The Role of Shared Governance in Co-creating Laker Readiness.” The deadline to submit an article is April 1st. He also noted that Democracy 101 Upcoming event is March 27 and reminded faculty to respond to the COACHE Faculty Survey which remains open until Friday, April 5. He shared the upcoming schedule and proposed agenda items. ECS meets on March 29 and April 19; UAS meetings on April 5 and 19. The Reach Higher Showcase is Friday, April 12 beginning at 4pm The election of Senate Leadership will be on April 19. 2024 Teach-In Save the Date – Wednesday, November 13 (Pew Campus) and Thursday, November 14 (Allendale) Lastly, a New Program Council will be scheduled soon.</p> | |
| 4. Report from Provost | Provost Mili reported this week was filled with interviews for the dean of computing; the interviews for engineering dean were held last week. There was strong participation and engagement from faculty and staff. | |

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| | <p>The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) received a letter from the students who conducted a march on campus stating their concerns. The Senior Leadership Team would like to meet with the students to work together towards a solution. All faculty are invited to attend the Townhall at 6pm in 2266 KC to hear the students concerns.</p> <p>Questions addressed from the floor.</p> | |
| <p>5. Report from Student Senate</p> | <p>Student Senate President Proctor reported that Student Senate is wrapping up for the year and have passed legislation asking the University to look into a student legal services department, as well as supporting the expansion of the online gender-neutral bathroom site to include directions or a map to the physical locations.</p> <p>The Student Senate elections are open until 5pm on Monday, 3/25, and there is a significant increase in turnout from last year. Student Senate President Proctor was congratulated on receiving the Thomas Sekoya award.</p> | |
| | <p>a. There was discussion on the Selection of Members of Test-Optional and Holistic Admissions Task Force 2. There will be two task forces – one to study charges #1 and #2; and another to study charge #3.</p> <p>Chair Ngassa will send out an invite to the nominees to the task forces and report back on who has accepted to serve.</p> <p>b. Kathryn Stieler presented the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC) recommendation on Evaluation of Teaching that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the FPPC recommendation on Evaluation of Teaching and place it on the summer retreat agenda.</p> <p>c. Chair Ngassa presented highlights of the FPPC recommendation on FPPC Bylaws Change that was distributed earlier.</p> | <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the FPPC recommendation on Evaluation of Teaching and places it on the summer retreat agenda. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate acts on behalf of UAS to support</p> |

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| | <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to act on behalf of UAS to support the FPPC recommendation on FPPC Bylaws Change.</p> <p>d. Kathryn Stieler presented highlights of the FPPC recommendation on Merit Ratings in Workday that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to place the FPPC recommendation on Merit Ratings in Workday on the summer retreat agenda and invite FSBC and FPPC for further discussion</p> <p>e. Kathryn Stieler presented the FPPC Report on How to Submit a Faculty Review Document on Workday that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to place the FPPC Report on How to Submit a Faculty Review Document on Workday on the summer retreat agenda.</p> <p>f. There was discussion on the FPPC Report on Annual Evaluation Considerations that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>g. The AFAC recommendation on Optimal Membership and Faculty Representation that was distributed earlier was briefly discussed.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the AFAC report and thank the committee for their work.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made, seconded, and approved by consensus</u> to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.</p> | <p>the FPPC recommendation on FPPC Bylaws Change. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate will place the FPPC recommendation on Merit Ratings in Workday on the summer retreat agenda and invite FSBC and FPPC for further discussion. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate will place the FPPC Report on How to Submit a Faculty Review Document on Workday on the summer retreat agenda. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the AFAC report and thanks the committee for their work. APPROVED Unanimously</p> |
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| | <p>During Open Comments there was discussion on the letter received from President Mantella in response to the UAS letter. A meeting with senate leadership and faculty-at-large to discuss this is being scheduled.</p> <p>A Task Force on Omni has been agreed on. Chair Ngassa and Kara Van Dam will meet to discuss the composition of the Task Force.</p> | |
| 7. Adjournment | The meeting adjourned at 5:10pm | |