

# Grand Valley State University University Academic Senate Minutes of March 31, 2017

- Present:** Deborah Bambini, Christina Beaudoin, Shawn Bultsma, Matthew Christians (for Chuck Pazdernik), Alisha Davis, Danielle DeMuth, Kurt Fanning, Shirley Fleischmann, Ella Fritzeimer (Student Senate President), Karen Gipson (Chair), Douglas Graham, Malayna Hasmanis (Student Senate), Christopher Haven, Jason Herlands, Jon Hodge, Naoki Kanaboshi, Sean Lancaster, Jonathan Leidig, Claudia Leiras, Nancy Levenburg, Salvador Lopez-Arias, Kin Ma, Douglas Montagna, Kristine Mullendore (for Jacquelynn Doyon-Martin) Harvey Nikkel, Felix Ngassa (Vice Chair), Mary O’Kelly, Sean O’Melia (Student Senate), Tonya Parker, Elizabeth Psyck, Karyn Rabourn, Kathryn Remlinger, Ross Reynolds, Dawn Richiert, Jim Sanford, Paul Sicilian, Kevin Strychar, Melissa Tallman, Christopher Toth, Dan Vaughn, Jody Vogelzang, Adrienne Wallace (for James Bell), Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel, Jennifer Winther, Donald Zinman
- Absent:** Wendy Burns-Ardolino, George Lundskow, Samhita Rhodes, Georgette Sass, Donald Zinman
- Ex Officio:** Gayle Davis, Suzeanne Benet, Maria Cimitile, Chris Plouff
- Guests:** Natalie Armstrong, Dan Balfour, Tom Butcher, Rob Deaner, Carol Griffin, Ann Jbara, Paul Leidig, Mark Luttenton, George McBane, Marie McKendall

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of March 31, 2017 was reviewed.	The Agenda of March 31, 2017 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of February 24, 2017 were reviewed.	The Minutes of February 24, 2017 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported on the work of ECS over the past month and presented upcoming agenda items and meeting schedule.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Davis reported on budget information from the governor’s office and the 3.8% cap on tuition. She further reported that over 65 faculty responded to a request for involvement in EDPAC.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Fritzeimer reported on numerous resolutions that passed, including one on Fall Break, and various initiatives that are under consideration. She also noted that elections are being conducted and a budget was approved for next year, and an endorsement for quality initiatives passed. Provost Davis noted that Ella Fritzeimer was recognized as Student Senate Emeritus.	
6. New Business	a. Karen Gipson presented an overview of the revision to <i>Faculty Handbook</i> language at 2.01.A.1.a.ii that was distributed earlier. Discussion.  The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of language changes to the <i>Faculty Handbook</i> at 2.01.A.1.a.ii. was voted on.	<b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate supports language changes to the <i>Faculty Handbook</i> at 2.01.A.1.a.ii. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b>

- b. George McBane presented an overview of the Academic Policies and Standards Committee recommendation regarding credit by exam that was distributed earlier. Discussion.

The motion forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the Academic Policies and Standards Committee recommendation regarding credit by exam was voted on.

- c. Karen Gipson presented an overview of the revision to Faculty Handbook language at 2.01 regarding UAS Faculty Membership that was distributed earlier.

The motion forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the *Faculty Handbook* language changes at 2.01 regarding UAS Faculty Membership was voted on.

- d. Dan Balfour presented an overview of the changes to the Graduate Council bylaws in the *Faculty Handbook* at 2.01.A.4.f.

The motion forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support the changes to the Graduate Council bylaws in the *Faculty Handbook* at 2.01.A.4.f was voted on.

- e. Dan Balfour presented an overview of the changes to the Graduate Admission policy that was distributed earlier.

The motion forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the changes to the Graduate Admission policy was voted on.

- f. Dan Balfour presented an overview of the Graduate Council memo regarding changes to the awarding of a graduate degree. Discussion.

The motion forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the changes to the awarding of a graduate degree was voted on.

**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate supports the Academic Policies and Standards Committee recommendation regarding credit by exam.

**APPROVED Unanimously**

**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate supports the *Faculty Handbook* language changes at 2.01 regarding UAS Faculty Membership.

**APPROVED Unanimously**

**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate supports the changes to the Graduate Council bylaws in the *Faculty Handbook* at 2.01.A.4.f.

**APPROVED Unanimously**

**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate supports the changes to the Graduate Admission policy.

**APPROVED Unanimously**

**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate supports of the changes to awarding of a graduate degree as presented.

**APPROVED Unanimously**

g. Rob Deaner presented an overview of the University Sabbatical Review Committee revisions to sabbatical guidelines that were distributed earlier. Discussion.

The motion forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the University Sabbatical Review Committee revisions to sabbatical guidelines was voted on.

h. Karen Gipson presented an overview of the revisions to sabbatical language regarding Fulbright Awards that were distributed earlier.

A motion forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the revisions to sabbatical language regarding Fulbright Awards was voted on.

i. Marie McKendall presented an overview of the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendations regarding sabbatical voting that were distributed earlier. Discussion.

A motion forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendations regarding sabbatical voting was voted on.

A suggestion was made to consider how governance committees, the Provost's Office and University Counsel could work together more effectively to ensure expeditious review of policies that require changes to the *Administrative Manual*.

j. Marie McKendall presented an overview of the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendations regarding Service recommendations that were distributed earlier. Discussion. During discussion, several language changes were made.

A motion forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendations regarding Service recommendations was voted on.

**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate supports the University Sabbatical Review Committee revisions to sabbatical guidelines.

**Approved with 6 Nays**

**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate supports the revisions to sabbatical language regarding Fulbright Awards.

**APPROVED Unanimously**

**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate supports the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendations regarding sabbatical voting.

**APPROVED Unanimously**

**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate supports the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendations regarding Service recommendations.

**APPROVED Unanimously**

	<p>k. Chris Plouff and Carol “Griff” Griffin presented an overview of the Quality Initiatives report that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the Quality Initiatives report and expresses appreciation for the work.</p> <p>l. Chris Plouff presented an overview of the undergraduate student learning outcomes that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the undergraduate student learning outcomes was voted on.</p> <p>m. Tom Butcher presented an overview of the Grounds &amp; Facilities Use policy that was distributed earlier. Questions were addressed from the floor.</p> <p>n. Paul Leidig presented an update on his role as the Faculty Athletics Representative to NCAA, and introduced Keri Becker, Director of Athletics. Questions were addressed from the floor.</p> <p>Chair Gipson thanked the body for their work.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate accepts the Quality Initiatives report and expresses their appreciation for the work. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate supports the undergraduate student learning outcomes. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm	