

# Grand Valley State University University Academic Senate Minutes of May 15, 2020 Special Meeting

**Present:** Majd Al-Mallah, Christine Beaudoin, Yatin Bhagwat, Matthew Boelkins, Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Adrian Copeland, Tara Cornelius, Alisha Davis, Nancy DeFrance, Brian Deyo, Shirley Fleischmann, John Gabrosek, Gary Greer, Christopher Haven, Barbara 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, Mary Bower Russa, Georgette Sass, Patrick Shan, Ashley Shannon, Melanie Shell-Weiss, Paul Sicilian, Eric Siegrist (Student Senate), Kevin Strychar, Agnieszka Szarecka, Eric-John Szczepaniak (Student Senate President), Melissa Tallman, Joshua Veazey, Jody Vogelzang, Adrienne Wallace, Jeff Ward, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel, Andrew Wilson

**Absent:**

**Ex Officio:** Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel, Fred Antczak, Annie Belangé, Suzanne Benet, Bonnie Bowen, George Grant, Diana Lawson, Paul Plotkowski, Chris Plouff, Jeff Potteiger, Mark Schaub, Ellen Schendel, Bob Smart, Sherril Soman

**Guests:** Mary Albrecht, Shannon Biro, Megan Cai, Jennifer Cymbola, Danielle DeMuth, Shawn Evans, Karen Gipson, Carol Griffin, Bob Hollister, Laurence José, Brian Kipp, Sean Lancaster, Vinicius Lima, John Lipford, Bill Morison, Christopher Shaffer, Paul Stephenson, Christopher Toth, Ayanna Weekly, Julie White, Tom Willey, Marla Wick, Michelle Wooddell

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

| Agenda Items          | Discussion   | Action / Decisions                       |
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| 1. Approval of Agenda | The Agenda of May 15, 2020 had one item and was reviewed.  | The Agenda of May 15, 2020 was approved. |
| 2. Proceedings        | <p>The Chair provided an overview of what would occur during the meeting and provided a list of what policies are in place like Shared Governance and BOT 4.2.15 for situations like the current situation. He then shared what our culture of Shared Governance means and highlighted the role of FSBC as a Standing Committee of Faculty Governance with the expertise to deal with budgetary issues.</p> <p>Upon request of a member to cease recording the Zoom session, it was agreed by consensus to not record the remainder of the meeting.</p> <p>Bob Hollister, FSBC Chair, provided context and expertise in explaining the FSBC recommendations.</p> <p>Provost Cimitile presented the efforts of the administration vis a vis the recommendations of the FSBC and the big picture for the fiscal health of our university. Bonnie Bowen provided data for clarification and discussion.</p> |  |

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|                | <p>Ed Aboufadel provided an overview of current policies in place as a framework for decision making and operational factors.</p> <p>Shawn Bultsma shared the Feedback from ECS/UAS members and other faculty colleagues for review and discussion.</p> <p>There was a period of candid observations from UAS members with general Q&amp;A with Provost Cimitile.</p> <p><u>A motion was made and seconded and approved by consensus to extend the meeting until 5:30pm.</u></p> <p>A motion was made and seconded for “The UAS moves to support the FSBC memo as guidance for the University to consider when dealing with the ramifications of COVID-19 especially recognizing that ‘austerity measures must be enacted with transparency and equitably across the university’.”</p> | <p><b>MOTION:</b> The UAS moves to support the FSBC memo as guidance for the University to consider when dealing with the ramifications of COVID-19 especially recognizing that ‘austerity measures must be enacted with transparency and equitably across the university’.</p> <p><b>APPROVED 39 Yes 3 Abstention</b></p> |
| 3. Adjournment | The meeting adjourned at 5:32pm  |  |

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