

Grand Valley State University
University Academic Senate
Minutes of August 21, 2020 Special Meeting

- Present:** Christine Beaudoin, Yatin Bhagwat, Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Adrian Copeland, Tara Cornelius, Alisha Davis, Nancy DeFrance, Brian Deyo, Shirley Fleischmann, John Gabrosek, Gary Greer, Scott Grissom (for Jared Moore), Christopher Haven, Alex Hicks (Student Senate), Dave Huizen, Naoki Kanaboshi, Courtney Karasinski, Salvador Lopez-Arias, Hazel McClure, Amy McFarland, Marie McKendall, Oindrila Mukerjee, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Tonya Parker, Charles Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Karyn Rouborn, Wil Rankinen, Kathryn Remlinger, Dawn Richiert, , Georgette Sass, Anne Sergeant, Patrick Shan, Ashley Shannon, Melanie Shell-Weiss, Paul Sicilian, 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:** Majd Al-Mallah Matthew Boelkins, Barb Hooper, Mary Bower Russa
- Ex Officio:** Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel, Jennifer Drake, Diana Lawson, Cynthia McCurren, Paul Plotkowski, Christine Rener, Mark Schaub, Sherril Soman
- Guests:** Donovan Anderson, Jae Basilière, Krista Benson, Dan Bergman, Scott Berlin, Richard Besel, Brian Bowdle, Larry Burns, Jeff Byrnes, Amy Campbell, Jen Cymbola, Jeff Daniels, Robert Deaner, Danielle DeMuth, Polly Diven, Amy Ferdinand, Paul Fishback, Coeli Fitzpatrick, Roger Gilles, Karen Gipson, Denise Goerisch, Haixia, Rebecca Hambleton, Bob Hollister, Jaime, Patrick Johnson, Laurence José, Cael Keegan, Lynette Keen, Caryn King, Alissa Lane, Chad Lingwood, Kay Losey, George Lundskow, Diane Maodush-Pitzer, Kimberly McKee, Katherine Moran, Melissa Morison, Kris Pachla, Lisa Perhamus, Rachel Peterson, Janel Pettes Guikema, Justin Pettibone, Andrea Riley -Muskavetz, Donijo Robbins, Dawn Rutecki, Nora Salas, **Elena** Selezneva, Chris Shaffer, Joel Stillerman, Merritt Taylor, Christopher Toth, Heather VanWormer, Lulu Velez, Peter Wampler, Ayana Weekly, Joel Wendland, Brian White, Mike Wolfe, Maureen Wolverton, Yi Zhao

The meeting was called to order at 3pm. The chair thanked attendees for their interest and their work over the summer.

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Proceedings	<p>The meeting began with remarks from Provost Cimitile and members of the Virus Action Team (VAT). Numerous questions were addressed from the floor.</p> <p>Chair Ngassa shared an update on recent communications from August 14 and August 20 regarding online / remote teaching. Considerable discussion and questions addressed from the floor.</p>	
2. New Business	<p>Discussion began on the UAS Reassessment of Modalities of Course Delivery Following Recent Developments of COVID-19</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> that <i>"The University Academic Senate, pursuant to its responsibility "to deal with</i></p>	

any academic issue or faculty concern" (BOT 3.1.4), respectfully recommends to the President and the Provost that it is necessary to transition face-to-face classes to fully online modalities, to the point that only those face-to-face classes should go forward that cannot be delivered online."
Discussion.

During discussion, a friendly amendment was made to replace the previous motion so that: *"Courses that do not require a hands-on F2F component will be online. Individual units are responsible for determining which courses must have a F2F component. Any course is assumed to be online unless the unit determines it needs to be F2F."*
Discussion.

At 5pm a motion was made, seconded and approved by consensus to extend the meeting by 30 minutes.

A motion was made, seconded to end the debate and call the question which Failed Yes 23; No 18; A2 since all motions that limit the speaking rights of members requires a 2/3 majority of voting members.

Discussion continued with additional questions raised from the floor.

During discussion, several friendly amendments were made and seconded – striking the language of *"Individual units are responsible for determining which courses must have a F2F component"* and adding *"If a faculty member is teaching F2F or hybrid course(s) that CAN be taught online AND petitions to teach said course(s) online, they should be automatically be granted permission to teach it."*

At 5:30pm a motion was made, seconded and approved by consensus to extend the meeting for 20 minutes.

MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the amendment to the initial motion so "Courses that do not require a hands-on F2F component will be online. Individual units are responsible for determining which courses must have a F2F component. Any course is assumed to be online unless the unit determines it needs to be F2F."

Approved 30 Yes; 7 No; 2 Abstention

MOTION: The University Academic Senate recommends that "Courses that do not require a hands-on F2F component will be online. ~~Individual units are responsible for determining which courses must have a F2F component.~~ Any course is assumed to be online unless the unit determines it needs to be F2F. If a faculty member is teaching F2F or hybrid course(s) that CAN be taught online AND petitions to teach said course(s) online, they should be automatically be granted permission to teach it."

FAILED 12 Yes; 24 No; 4 Abstention

	<p>At 5:47 a <u>motion was made, seconded and approved by consensus</u> to extend the meeting for 20 minutes. During further discussion, an amendment was made to add <i>“The university will make provisions for any international students who need a F2F or hybrid component to maintain immigration status.”</i></p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to vote on “Courses that do not require a hands-on F2F component will be online. Individual units are responsible for determining which courses must have a F2F component.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate recommends adding “The university will make provisions for any international students who need a F2F or hybrid component to maintain immigration status.” FAILED 6 Yes; 35 No; 2 Abstention</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate recommends that “Courses that do not require a hands-on F2F component will be online. Individual units are responsible for determining which courses must have a F2F component.” APPROVED 32 Yes; 9 No; 1 Abstention</p>
1. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 6:09pm	