Grand Valley State University University Academic Senate

Minutes of September 28, 2018

Present:

Deborah, Bambini, Christina Beaudoin, Yatin Bhagwat, Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Brian Deyo, Shirley Fleischmann, Jon Hodge, Dave Huizen, Rachel Jenkin (Student Senate President), Naoki Kanaboshi, Courtney Karasinki, Brian Kipp, Tara Kneeshaw, Brian Lakey, Sean Lancaster, Salvador Lopez-Arias, George Lundskow, Morgan Mattler (Student Senate), Hazel McClure, Amy McFarland, Erin McIntosh (Student Senate), Jared Moore, Holly Neva, Harvey Nikkel, Felix Ngassa (Vice Chair), Len O'Kelly (for Matthew Boelkins), Charles Pazdernik, Gabriela Pozzi, Elizabeth Psyck, Karyn Rabourn, Wil Rankinen, Kathryn Remlinger, Ross Reynolds, Samhita Rhodes, Dawn Richiert, James Sanford, Georgette Sass, Patrick Shan, Melanie Shell-Weiss, Paul Sicilian, Kevin Strychar, Melissa Tallman, Christopher Toth, Jody Vogelzang, Adrienne Wallace, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel, Jennifer Winther, Megan Woller-Skar, Michelle Wooddell

Absent: Alisha Davis, Denise de la Rosa, Sarah Tibbe (GSA President) **Ex Officio:** Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel, Bonnie Bowen, Chris Plouff

Guests: Melissa Baker-Boosamra, Liz Collver, Sue Korzinek, Marie McKendall, Loren Rullman, Dave Smith, Maureen Walsh

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items		Discussion	Action / Decisions
1.	Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 28, 2018 was reviewed.	The Agenda of September 28, 2018 was approved.
2.	Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of April 20, 2018 were reviewed.	The Minutes of April 20, 2018 were approved.
3.	Report from Chair	The Chair reported on the work of the senate, including the summer retreats, and provided an overview of the initiatives underway. He reported that charges to the standing committees have been assigned, and presented an update on the GVSU Presidential Search. Upcoming events, the proposed schedule and agenda items for the semester were shared.	
4.	Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile thanked the senators for their work in preparation for the Higher Learning Commission visit in November. She reported that the enrollment data for 2018-19 is available on the Institutional Analysis website in the "Quick Facts" section. She also provided a brief overview of the budget town hall meetings scheduled for next week.	
		Ed Aboufadel provided an update on the status of the Incomplete Grade policy.	
5.	Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Jenkin reported on upcoming initiatives including hosting an Ottawa County Commissioners meeting on GVSU campus; the annual Battle of the Valleys (Oct 22 through 27); and other events sponsored by the Student Senate.	

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6. New Business

- a. The chair introduced Loren Rullman, Dean of Students, and Maureen Walsh, Associate Vice President for Human Resources, who each offered brief remarks.
- b. Dave Smith presented an update of Benefits and Health & Wellness initiatives that were distributed earlier and identified the changes being made and upcoming initiatives. He also presented an overview of the projected benefits budget for 2018-19, and reported that no changes are expected through 2020. Questions were addressed from the floor.
- c. Liz Collver and Melissa Baker-Boosamra presented an overview of the Civic Engagement opportunities and programs available on campus.
- d. Chris Plouff presented an overview of program review components in preparation for the visit by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) in November.
- e. Sue Korzinek presented an overview of the IT Policy implementation that was distributed earlier.
- f. The Chair presented an overview of the changes requested to the Campus Life Committee that was distributed earlier.
 - A <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to amend the language in membership description in the Faculty Handbook Policies for the Campus Life Committee was voted on.
- g. Marie McKendall presented an overview of the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC) memo on Succession Planning that was distributed earlier.

The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendation to form a task force to study and propose a university development plan for future leaders at GVSU was voted on.

A question related to another charge to the FPPC was addressed

MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports amending the language in membership description in the Faculty Handbook Policies for the Campus Life Committee as presented.

APPROVED Unanimously

MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendation to form a task force to study and propose a university development plan for future leaders at GVSU.

APPROVED Unanimously

MOTION: The University Academic Senate

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	from the floor. A motion was made and seconded to support the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee request to adjust their charge as presented at the meeting.	supports the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee request to adjust their charge as presented at the meeting. APPROVED Unanimously
	h. Eric Hoogstra presented an overview of the proposed Policy Language for Affiliates and Other non-Tenure Faculty that was distributed earlier.	
	The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the proposed Policy Language for Affiliates and Other non-Tenure Faculty was voted on.	MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the proposed Policy Language Changes for Affiliates and Other non-Tenure Faculty. APPROVED Unanimously
	i. The Chair presented an overview of the Provost's response memo on Directing Study Abroad. Questions were addressed from the floor.	
7. Open Comment	A question was asked regarding investment objectives at the university.	
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm	

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