

# Grand Valley State University University Academic Senate Minutes of September 29, 2017

- Present:** Carly Aller (Student Senate), Corey Anton, Christina Beaudoin, Yatin Bhagwat, Matthew Boelkins, Joan Borst, Jon Bowman (Student Senate President), Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Kevin Chui (Student Senate), Alisha Davis, Kurt Fanning, Douglas Graham, Jason Herlands, Jon Hodge, Naoki Kanaboshi, Tyler Kanczuzeski (GSA President), Courtney Karasinski, Brian Lakey, Sean Lancaster, Jonathan Leidig, Claudia Leiras, Salvador Lopez-Arias, George Lundskow, Kin Ma, Amy McFarland, Douglas Montagna, Harvey Nikkel, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Tonya Parker, Chuck Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Karyn Rabourn, Kathryn Remlinger, Dawn Richiert, Georgette Sass, Gayle Schaub, Kevin Strychar, Melissa Tallman, Christopher Toth, Jody Vogelzang, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel, Jennifer Winther, Dan Ziegenfelder (Student Senate)
- Absent:** James Bell, Shirley Fleischmann, Ross Reynolds, Samhita Rhodes, James Sanford, Paul Sicilian, Megan Woller-Skar
- Ex Officio:** Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel, Suzeanne Benet, Bonnie Bowen, Christopher Plouff, Ellen Schendel
- Guests:** Colleen Bailey, Cara Cadena, Dave Smith

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm and began with introductions.

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 29, 2017 was reviewed.	The Agenda of September 29, 2017 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of April 21, 2017 were reviewed.	The Minutes of April 21, 2017 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that the Big Data conference is today, he also congratulated Kathryn Remlinger on her book, <i>Yooper Talk</i> . He presented an overview of the Policies website and identified the outstanding memos from 2016-17 with a brief overview and status update for each, and provided an update of senate work over the summer. A schedule and upcoming agenda items were shared.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile reported that she held four town hall meetings and noted she will distribute a summary newsletter in the near future. New and future initiatives in the Provost's Office were identified with more information available on the website. She further reported on the fall enrollment data and presented material from the Office of Institutional Analysis. The members of the Provost's Office introduced themselves and their area of expertise. Questions were addressed from the floor.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Bowman reported that this week is Battle of the Valleys (against Saginaw Valley State University) with the Laker Children's Fund as recipient of the funds raised by GVSU. He further reported on initiatives underway in Student Senate, such as Inclusivity, Teach-In, and Last Lecture. He introduced the other student senate	

	representatives to UAS.	
6. New Business	<p>a. Chris Plouff presented an overview of the Higher Learning Commission process and identified the components of the assurance review and comprehensive onsite evaluation scheduled for GVSU on November 5 &amp; 6, 2018. Items noted in the visit from 2008 were identified, with those statuses updated for inclusion in the assurance argument. Additional information will be distributed to the campus community in the near future. Questions were addressed from the floor.</p> <p>b. Felix Ngassa presented an overview of the creation of a LIFT Management Committee that was distributed earlier Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the creation of a LIFT management committee was voted on.</p> <p>c. Cara Cadena presented an overview of the Academic Policies and Standards Committee recommendations on Emergency Closure during Finals Week that was distributed earlier. During discussion, modifications to the language was presented based on recommendations from University Counsel</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to amend the language as presented at the meeting.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the APSC recommendations regarding Emergency Closure during Finals Week, including the amended language previously voted on.</p> <p>d. The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending referring the Academic Policies and Standards</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate supports the creation of a LIFT management committee as presented. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate supports the amendments to the language as presented at the meeting. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate supports the Academic Policies and Standards Committee recommendation regarding Emergency Closure during Finals Week, including amended language previously voted on. <b>Approved with 1 Nay</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate Supports referring the Academic Policies</p>

	<p>Committee recommendation on Grading Guidelines to the Office of the Provost for further disposition was voted on.</p> <p>e. Dave Smith presented an overview of projected benefits budget for 2017-18, identified changes in costs and answered questions addressed from the floor.</p>	<p>and Standards Committee recommendation on Grading Guidelines to the Office of the Provost for further disposition.</p> <p><b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>
7. Open Comment	None	
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:44pm	