

Grand Valley State University University Academic Senate Minutes of September 30, 2016

- Present:** Deborah Bambini, Christina Beaudoin, James Bell, Matthew Boelkins, Shawn Bultsma, Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Alisha Davis, Danielle DeMuth, Jacquelynn Doyon-Martin, Kurt Fanning, Brandon Fitzgerald (Student Senate), Shirley Fleischmann, Ella Fritzemeier (Student Senate President), Karen Gipson (Chair), Douglas Graham, Malayna Hasmanis (Student Senate), Christopher Haven, Jason Herlands, Jon Hodge, Beth Hopkins (Student Senate), Naoki Kanoboshi, Sean Lancaster, Fred Lawrence (Graduate Student Association President), Jonathan Leidig, Nancy Levenburg, Salvador Lopez-Arias, George Lundskow, Kin Ma, Douglas Montagna, Harvey Nikkel, Felix Ngassa (Vice Chair), Mary O’Kelly, Tonya Parker, Chuck Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Karyn Rabourn, Kathryn Remlinger, Ross Reynolds, Samhita Rhodes, Dawn Richiert, Georgette Sass, Paul Sicilian, Kevin Strychar, Melissa Tallman, Christopher Toth, Dan Vaughn, Jody Vogelzang, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel, Jennifer Winther, Donald Zinman
- Absent:** Claudia Leiras, James Sanford
- Ex Officio:** Gayle Davis, Chris Plouff
- Guests:** Anne Hitt (Guest of Provost Davis), Marie McKendall, Eileen Sullivan

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 30, 2016 was reviewed.	The Agenda of September 30, 2016 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of April 15, 2016 were reviewed.	The Minutes of April 15, 2016 were approved, with one minor correction.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair distributed anyBODY wristbands and asked that faculty wear or display them in support of single stall bathrooms on campus. The Chair highlighted upcoming events, a recent honor received by the vice-chair, and updates on the work completed over the summer. She reported on various response memos that were received by the Provost and subsequent actions by the Board of Trustees; additionally, the Chair reported on items that are still outstanding from the 2015-16 academic year. She further reported on the charges developed for Standing Committees and other items accomplished at the ECS Retreats, as well as upcoming agenda items and proposed initiatives.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Davis reported on the enrollment numbers and other demographics and thanked the faculty for their work. Provost Davis further reported that the University Personnel Review Committee (UPRC) met for the first time; she presented an update on their work so far and what they will be focusing on going forward. She will provide additional information as the meetings continue.	

	<p>Provost Davis expressed how saddened she is over the rash of sexual assaults near campus and briefly outlined what is being done to prevent further incidents.</p>	
5. Report from Student Senate	<p>Student Senate President Fritzemeier reported that Student Senate issued a statement against the recent police brutality and in support of persons of color. Ms. Fritzemeier reminded faculty that today is “Rock the Vote” in the Fieldhouse, and she reported on other upcoming events sponsored by Student Senate.</p> <p>Provost Davis thanked Student Senate President Fritzemeier for all as of her community-building efforts.</p>	
6. New Business	<p>a. Eileen Sullivan, Dean of Students, thanked the faculty for their work with students and briefly outlined her background in higher education.</p> <p>She provided additional information on the recent sexual assaults near campus and what has been done to help identify the perpetrator(s), as well what has been done to inform the community, students and parents. She further discussed what is being done in the off-campus housing complexes, working with student and community leaders. Questions were addressed from the floor by Dr. Sullivan and Student Senate President Fritzemeier.</p> <p>b. Mary O’Kelly presented an overview of the University Libraries Faculty Assembly updates to terminal degrees that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the University Libraries Faculty Assembly updates to terminal degrees was voted on.</p> <p>c. Chris Plouff presented an overview of faculty qualifications that were distributed earlier.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the faculty qualifications policy was discussed with numerous questions raised from the floor; slight word changes suggested and then the policy was voted on.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the University Libraries Faculty Assembly updates to terminal degrees. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the faculty qualifications policy as amended at the meeting. APPROVED Unanimously</p>

	<p>d. Marie McKendall presented an overview of the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendations on accountability, significant focus and reassigned time that were distributed earlier.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendations on accountability, significant focus and reassigned time was discussed. Questions were addressed from the floor, and then the recommendations were voted on.</p> <p>e. Karen Gipson announced that there are changes to the Overload Teaching changes from FPPC that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to send the Overload Teaching recommendations back to the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee for reconsideration in light of the response memo from the provost.</p> <p>f. Dave Smith presented an overview of the health and wellness benefits at the university and distributed material for review. Numerous questions were addressed from the floor.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendations on accountability, significant focus and reassigned time. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate sends the Overload Teaching recommendations from the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee back to the committee for reconsideration in light of the response memo from the provost. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
7. Open Comment	Jacqueline Doyon-Martin extended the services of the school of criminal justice professors to provide speakers, guidance, etc. to Student Senate organizations. Christine Beaudoin noted that there is an upcoming “Exercise as Medicine” health walk with the President.	
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:56 pm	