

Grand Valley State University University Academic Senate Minutes of October 28, 2016

- Present:** Christina Beaudoin, James Bell, Shawn Bultsma, Alisha Davis, Danielle DeMuth, Jacquelynn Doyon-Martin, Brandon Fitzgerald (Student Senate), Karen Gipson (Chair), Douglas Graham, Malayna Hasmanis (Student Senate), Christopher Haven, Jon Hodge, Beth Hopkins (Student Senate), Lori Houghton-Rahrig (for Deborah Bambini), Naoki Kanaboshi, Sean Lancaster, Nancy Levenburg, Salvador Lopez-Arias, George Lundskow, Kin Ma, Harvey Nikkel, Felix Ngassa (Vice Chair), Mary O’Kelly, Tonya Parker, Chuck Pazdernik, Rachel Peterson (for Matthew Boelkins), Elizabeth Psyck, Karyn Rabourn, Kathryn Remlinger, Dawn Richiert, James Sanford, Georgette Sass, Paul Sicillian, Brent Smith (for Wendy Burns-Ardolino), Kevin Strychar, Melissa Tallman, Christopher Toth, Dan Vaughn, Jody Vogelzang, Joy Washburn, Sean Watson (for Sean O’Melia) (Student Senate), Deana Weibel, Jennifer Winther, Donald Zinman
- Absent:** Kurt Fanning, Shirley Fleischmann, Jason Herlands, Fred Lawrence (Graduate Student Association President), Jonathan Leidig, Claudia Leiras, Douglas Montagna, Ross Reynolds, Samhita Rhodes
- Ex Officio:** Gayle Davis, Ed Aboufadel
- Guests:** Colleen Bailey, Philip Batty, Jesse Bernal, Bob Hollister, Jen Hsu-Bishop, Marlene Kowalski-Braun, Taran McZee, Jeffrey Potteiger, Amy Schelling, Relando Thompkins-Jones

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of October 28, 2016 was reviewed.	The Agenda of October 28, 2016 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of September 30, 2016 were reviewed.	The Minutes of September 30, 2016 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that the Teach-In is scheduled for January 19, 2017. All faculty are encouraged to submit proposals for consideration. She presented an overview of items addressed at past ECS meetings and presented upcoming agenda and business items.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Davis reported on an issue that has arisen with the Ottawa County Prosecutors office and that offices’ claim that there is not a prompt reporting of crimes of sexual violence. Jesse Bernal addressed answers raised from the floor related to this and the articles in the Grand Rapids Press/MLive report.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate Vice President Beth Hopkins reported updates and ongoing initiatives in the Student Senate, including convening a subcommittee on sexual assault, and other groups gathering to discuss events/initiatives proposed for other GV campuses. Ms. Hopkins also reminded faculty that the Battle of the Valleys begins next week.	
6. New Business	a. Jesse Bernal introduced the new Inclusion & Equity leaders in his department. Marlene Kowalski-Braun Assistant Vice President; Jen Hsu-Bishop Director of LGBT Resource Center; Relando Thompkins-	

	<p>Jones, Social Justice Educator/Coordinator; and Taran McZee, Special Associate</p> <p>.</p> <p>b. Jesse Bernal presented an overview of the revised Inclusion Advocate program that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the revised Inclusion Advocate program was discussed and voted on.</p> <p>c. Kin Ma presented an overview of the MLK Commemoration Week.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the MLK Commemoration Week was voted on.</p> <p>d. Bob Hollister presented an overview of the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee memo on promotion increments that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the Faculty Salary and Benefit Committee recommendation on promotion increments was discussed and voted on.</p> <p>e. Bob Hollister presented an overview of the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee memo on annual salary adjustments that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee recommendation on annual salary adjustments was discussed and voted on.</p> <p>f. Amy Schelling presented an overview of the Online Education Council memo on peer assessment for online/hybrid courses that was distributed earlier.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the revised Inclusion Advocate program as presented. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the MLK Commemoration Week for 2017. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Faculty Salary and Benefit Committee recommendation on promotion increments. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee recommendation on annual salary adjustments. Approved with 2 Nays</p>
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7. Open Comment	None	
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:15pm	

