

Grand Valley State University
University Academic Senate
Minutes of November 6, 2020

- Present:** Majd Al-Mallah, Christine Beaudoin, Yatin Bhagwat, Matthew Boelkins, Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Ke' Asha Cargill (Student Senate), Adrian Copeland, Tara Cornelius, Alisha Davis, Nancy DeFrance, Brian Deyo, Kelly Dowker (Student Senate President), Shirley Fleischmann, John Gabrosek, Gary Greer, Christopher Haven, Barb Hooper, Dave Huizen, Naoki Kanaboshi, Courtney Karasinski, Salvador Lopez-Arias, Hazel McClure, Amy McFarland, Grace McMahan (Student Senate), Lauren Moine (Student Senate), Jared Moore, Oindrila Mukerjee, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Tonya Parker, Charles Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Karyn Rabourn, Wil Rankinen, Kathryn Remlinger, Dawn Richiert, Georgette Sass, Anne Sergeant, Patrick Shan, Ashley Shannon, Melanie Shell-Weiss, Paul Sicilian, Kevin Strychar, Agnieszka Szarecka, Melissa Tallman, Joshua Veazey, Jody Vogelzang, Adrienne Wallace, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel, Mikhila Wildey (for Mary Bower Russa), Andrew Wilson
- Absent:** Marie McKendall, Jeff Ward
- Ex Officio:** Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel, Bonnie Bowen, Jennifer Drake, Paul Plotkowski, Chris Plouff, Mark Schaub, Ellen Schendel, Sherril Soman
- Guests:** Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Karen Gipson, Doug Graham (Member of VAT); Karen Gregory, Ben Holder (Member of VAT); Dave Huizen (Member of VAT); Laurence Jose, Jennifer Cymbola (AFAC), Kin Ma, Melisa Morison, Heather VanWormer, Janet Vigna

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of November 6, 2020 was reviewed.	The Agenda of November 6, 2020 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of UAS October 2, 2020 were reviewed.	The Minutes of UAS October 2, 2020 were approved.
3. Report from the Chair	Chair Ngassa reported that the Teach-In hosting schedule is filled and invited all to participate as their schedule allows. He further asked those interested in serving on the Faculty/Staff Dining Space Working Group to contact him. The upcoming schedule and proposed agenda items were shared.	
4. Report from the Provost	Provost Cimitile will defer her report to the new business portion on Academic and Student Affairs budgets.	
5. Report from the Student Senate President	Student Senate President Kelly Dowker reported on various initiatives underway at Student Senate.	
6. New Business	a. Provost Cimitile and AVP Bowen presented the Academic and Student Affairs budget. Questions	

	<p>were addressed from the floor.</p> <p>b. AVP Chris Plouff led discussion on “Strategic Planning: Reach Higher 2025” and addressed questions from the floor.</p> <p>c. Jennifer Cymbola presented an overview of the AFAC recommended revisions to BOT 4.3.3 that were distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support AFAC recommended revisions to BOT 4.3.3 was voted on.</p> <p>d. The Chair presented an overview of the GEC recommendations on Pausing Assessment of GE Courses for 2020-2021 that were distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support GEC recommendations on Pausing Assessment of GE Courses for 2020-2021 was voted on.</p> <p>e. Provost Cimitile engaged conversation on efficiencies, reorganization and structural changes within Academic and Student Affairs. She reported that a group (University Programs Task Force) will be formed to review academic programs with an eye toward efficiencies and better meeting student needs by utilizing the Unit Stability Data and aligning programs with the Strategic Plan. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p><u>A motion was made, seconded and approved by consensus</u> to extend the meeting by 15 minutes to continue discussion.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports AFAC recommended revisions to BOT 4.3.3. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: University Academic Senate supports the GEC recommendations on Pausing Assessment of GE Courses for 2020-2021. APPROVED with 46 YES 1 No 1 Abstention</p>
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	f. There was no update from the Virus Action Team due to time constraints.	
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:16p	