

Grand Valley State University
Executive Committee of the Senate Meeting
Minutes of November 10, 2023

- Present:** Yatin Bhagwat, Rachel Campbell, Tara Cornelius, Susan Harrington, Chris Haven, Courtney Karasinski (Vice Chair), Salvador Lopez-Arias, Hazel McClure, Amy McFarland, Jared Moore, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Chuck Pazdernik, Quinten Proctor (Student Senate President), Karyn Rabourn, Robert Talbert, AFAC recommendation on Affiliate Faculty Retirement
- Absent:** Chris Cruz (for Anne Sergeant)
- Ex Officio:** Fatma Mili, Ed Aboufadel, Cathy Buyarski, Bonnie Bowen
- Guests:** Jennifer Cymbola, Carolyn Shapiro-Shapin, Laura Stroik, Pam Wells

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of November 10, 2023, was reviewed.	The Agenda of November 10, 2023, was approved as amended.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of ECS Meeting of November 3, 2023, were reviewed.	The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of November 3, 2023, were approved as amended adding Schaub and Belanger.
3. Report from Chair	Chair Ngassa reported on the Teach-in count, noting that nearly 1,200 people attended over two days. He shared the upcoming schedule and proposed agenda items.	
4. Report from Provost	<p>Provost Mili reported that she met with PCEC and is beginning searches for two deans who will lead the new colleges created by the split of PCEC.</p> <p>She further reported that Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer spoke on campus and her presentation was streamed for the opening plenary session for the Teach-In. The GVSU Native American Advisory Board were instrumental bringing Dr. Kimmerer to campus.</p> <p>She attended a parent reception in Lansing on Thursday and noted that Thursday and today there was an accreditation visit for Recreational Therapy.</p> <p>Questions were addressed from the floor in response to concerns related to a drop in retention rates, as well as faculty experiences related to students who are not fully prepared for the rigors of</p>	

	college. There was also concern expressed about the lack of dining options on the Grand Rapids campus.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Proctor reported that student senate is wrapping up their restructuring process this semester. They will officially unveil the final proposal to restructure the Student Senate at our State of the Student Senate event on Thursday, January 25th at 4:30pm in the Pere Marquette Room of Kirkhof.	
6. Old Business	a. Discussion of Consent Agenda Adoption for UAS was moved to 7f.	
7. New Business	<p>a. Carolyn Shapiro-Shapin provided an overview of the APSC recommendation Academic Review and Dismissal that was distributed earlier. Questions were addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the APSC recommendation on Academic Review and Dismissal and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>b. Carolyn Shapiro-Shapin shared an overview of the APSC recommendation on Summer Academic Review that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to amend the recommendation to “include 15 working days” in the areas noted during discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the APSC recommendation on Summer Academic Review and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>c. Carolyn Shapiro-Shapin provided an overview of the APSC recommendation on the Modified Repeat Course Approval Policy that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the APSC recommendation on Academic Review and Dismissal and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate amends the APSC recommendation to “include 15 working days” in the areas noted at the meeting. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the APSC recommendation on Summer Academic Review and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the APSC recommendation on Summer Academic Review and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED with 11 Yes; 4 No; 1 Abstain</p>

	<p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the APSC recommendation on Repeat Course Approval Policy and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>d. Laura Stroik provided highlights of the FFPAC recommendation on Campus Safety Night Walk that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the FFPAC recommendation on Campus Safety Night Walk and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>e. Jennifer Cymbola provided highlights of the AFAC recommendation on Affiliate Faculty Retirement that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the AFAC recommendation on Affiliate Faculty Retirement and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>f. Jared Moore shared the background of having a Consent Agenda Adoption for UAS, and led discussion of the same, with questions addressed from the floor. It was emphasized that this is not a means to rubber stamp items and would require a rewrite of the bylaws to include this.</p> <p>During discussion it was agreed that more information is needed prior to presenting the item at UAS. It was also agreed to have UAS decide if they want an action or consent agenda, and which is a better use of their time.</p> <p>This item will be on the December 1 UAS agenda, and a straw poll will be given so the senators can share their desired process.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the FFPAC recommendation on Campus Safety Night Walk and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the AFAC recommendation on Affiliate Faculty Retirement and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
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	<p>g. Chair Ngassa shared the names of nominees to serve on a taskforce to investigate shared governance realignment adapting to the new structure of the University that has evolved over the past decade at GVSU. The faculty nominated were Elizabeth Arnold, Karen Gipson, Raymond Higbea, Bob Hollister, Brian Lakey, Figen Mekik, Azizur Molla, Chuck Pazdernik, Wendy Reffeor, and Greg Warsen.</p> <p>A charge and timeline need to be developed, as well as the selection of a chair. AVP Aboufadel will serve as <i>ex officio</i>.</p> <p>During Open Comments, AVP Aboufadel shared that further discussion about Free Speech on campus is scheduled for Friday, November 17 at 1pm. Please email him to receive an invitation and the pre-reading material.</p>	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:59 pm	