

Grand Valley State University Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of November 18, 2016

Present: Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Salvador Lopez-Arias, Ella Fritzemeier (Student Senate President), Karen Gipson (Chair), Jon Hodge, Sean Lancaster (for Shawn Bultsma), Nancy Levenburg, George Lundskow, Kin Ma (for Deana Weibel), Felix Ngassa (Vice Chair), Mary O’Kelly, Chuck Pazdernik, Samhita Rhodes, James Sanford, Dan Vaughn, Joy Washburn

Absent: Tonya Parker

Ex Officio: Ed Aboufadel, Suzeanne Benet, Maria Cimitile

Guests: George McBane

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of November 18, 2016 was reviewed.	The Agenda of November 18, 2016 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of November 11, 2016 were reviewed.	The Minutes of November 11, 2016 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that the Wheelhouse Talks are scheduled today as well as a UNITE Event celebrating international faculty and students. The Chair reminded faculty about the Teach-In and presented the upcoming schedule and calendar items.	
4. Report from Provost	Ed Aboufadel reported that the Dean of Libraries search continues. LIFT student evaluation emails will go out the Monday after Thanksgiving. He further presented an update on the Faculty Fora held last week. Suzeanne Benet reported that she has been busy with parent concerns. In response to a question from the floor, Ed Aboufadel provided a summary of the discussions at the fora and reported on incidents occurring on campus.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Fritzemeier reported that a Town Hall was held to discuss concerns from the election and further reported that another one is scheduled for November 28 from 9-11pm in the Thornapple	

	<p>Room in the Kirkhof Center. She also reported that a Student Senate resolution was presented in support of healthcare for transgender students. She reported that the Student Senate is planning a trip to Lansing to support state funding, and that the Last Lecture series was held last night.</p> <p>She provided an update about the march held on campus this past Wednesday regarding sanctuary campuses.</p>	
<p>6. Old Business</p>	<p>a. The Chair presented a brief overview of adding a recommendation to UAS to 11/11/16 motion for posting committee material.</p> <p><i>A motion was made and seconded to add "The chair of each committee will also send the agenda and approved minutes to the Faculty Governance Assistant to be made available in the secure area of the Faculty Governance website."</i></p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports adding "The chair of each committee will also send the agenda and approved minutes to the Faculty Governance Assistant to be made available in the secure area of the Faculty Governance website." APPROVED Unanimously</p>
<p>7. New Business</p>	<p>a. George McBane presented an overview of the APSC memo on 58-credit rule that was distributed earlier. Suzanne Benet presented a summary of her conversation with Provost Davis, and highlighted items that need to be addressed. Discussion.</p> <p><i>A motion was made and seconded to amend the language presented at the meeting regarding the 58-credit rule.</i></p> <p><i>A motion was made and seconded to support the Academic Policies and Standards Committee memo as amended at the meeting. Discussion.</i></p> <p><i>A motion was made and seconded to forward to UAS with a recommendation of support.</i></p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports amending the language presented at the meeting regarding the 58-credit. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Academic Policies and Standards Committee memo as amended at the meeting. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the Academic Policies and Standards Committee memo to UAS with a recommendation of support. APPROVED Unanimously</p>

	b. There was a brief discussion of possibilities for Senate action on affirming inclusion, and a draft statement was projected. There was consensus for the draft language to be distributed for further discussion at UAS meeting on December 2.	
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm	