

# Grand Valley State University University Academic Senate Minutes of December 2, 2016

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of December 2, 2016 was reviewed.	The Agenda of December 2, 2016 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of October 28, 2016 were reviewed.	The Minutes of October 28, 2016 were approved, with correct attendance..
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that 69 proposals were received for the Teach-In. She further reported on the work of ECS and presented an updated schedule of meetings and agenda items.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Davis reported that the finalists in the Library Dean search will be on campus next week and invited all to attend. She further reported on the sanctuary campus letter that was distributed campus-wide, and subsequent meetings that were recently held. Additional information will be forthcoming.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Fritzemeier reported that Student Senate held a second town hall meeting to discuss the election results, with another scheduled for December 12 from 9-11pm in the Thornapple River room of the Kirkhof Center. She further reported that a Student Senator met with a State of Michigan senator to advocate for additional funding for Grand Valley. She also noted that the annual award announcements will be forthcoming and a mental health awareness week is scheduled for Winter 2017. She reported that Student Senate is working on another resolution to establish a “A Grand Day Off” Fall break, and developing a resolution against sexual assault.	

<p>6. New Business</p>	<p>a. Karen Gipson presented an overview of the request for University Academic Senate endorsement for participation in the web-based faculty survey HERI that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending endorsement of participation in the HERI survey was voted on.</p> <p>b. <u>Robert Adams</u> presented an overview of the University Curriculum Committee recommendation for the definition of a capstone that was distributed earlier. Discussion followed with questions raised from the floor, and language changes suggested.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to amend the language as discussed at the meeting.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the University Curriculum Committee recommended definition of a capstone was voted on.</p> <p>c. Robert Adams presented an overview of the University Curriculum Committee recommended language changes to the <i>Faculty Handbook</i> regarding curricular overview that was distributed earlier. Discussion was heard and questions were answered from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to have all curriculum proposals require action by the University Curriculum Committee prior to approval by the Provost.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to replace language specific to Sail with generic reference to the online curriculum system.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate endorses participation in the HERI survey as presented. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate supports the amended language of a capstone definition as discussed at the meeting. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate supports the University Curriculum Committee recommended definition of a capstone. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate supports adding a sentence as presented. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate supports amending the language related to Sail as discussed at the meeting. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>
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The motion forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the (amended) University Curriculum Committee recommended language changes to the *Faculty Handbook* regarding curricular overview was voted on.

- d. Marie McKendall presented an overview of the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendation on overload teaching that was distributed earlier. Discussion was heard and questions answered from the floor.

The motion forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendation on overload teaching was voted on.

- e. Marie McKendall presented an overview of the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendation on teaching schedules that was distributed earlier. Discussion was heard with questions raised from the floor with language changes recommended.

A motion was made and seconded to change the date to March 1 and add a clause to publish names in Banner.

The motion forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the (amended) Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendation on teaching schedules was voted on.

- f. George McBane presented an overview of the Academic Policies and Standards Committee recommendation on the 58-credit rule that was distributed earlier. Discussion was heard with questions raised from the floor.

**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate supports the University Curriculum Committee recommended language changes to the *Faculty Handbook* regarding curricular overview, as amended at the meeting.

**APPROVED Unanimously**

**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate supports the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendation on overload teaching.

**APPROVED with 2 Nays**

**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate supports the changes presented.

**APPROVED with 2 Abstentions**

**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate supports the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendation on teaching schedules as amended at the meeting.

**APPROVED with 4 Nays; 3 Abstentions**

	<p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to amend the number of credits that may count from Northwestern Michigan College from “12” to “9”.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the Academic Policies and Standards Committee recommendation on the 58-credit rule was voted on.</p> <p>g. Karen Gibson presented an overview of the responsibilities of committee chairs that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending adding the stated responsibilities of committee chairs to the <u>Faculty Handbook</u> was voted on.</p> <p>h. The presentation on Distance Learning was deferred to a January meeting.</p> <p>i. There was discussion on the Affirmation of Inclusion material that was distributed earlier and questions raised from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to refer this topic to a small group to consider what action, if any, may be warranted.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate supports amending the number of credits that may count from Northwestern Michigan College from “12” to “9”. <b>Motion Failed</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate supports the Academic Policies and Standards Committee recommendation on the 58-credit rule. <b>APPROVED 26 Yes; 17 Nay; 4 Abstentions</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate supports adding the ECS-recommended responsibilities of committee chairs to the <i>Faculty Handbook</i> <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate supports referring this topic to a small group to decide what action, if any, may be warranted. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>
7. Open Comment	None	
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:05pm	