

Grand Valley State University
University Academic Senate
Minutes of December 4, 2020

Present: Majd Al-Mallah, Christine Beaudoin, Richard Besel (for Adrienne Wallace), Yatin Bhagwat, Matthew Boelkins, Mary Bower Russa, Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Adrian Copeland, Tara Cornelius, Alisha Davis, Nancy DeFrance, Brian Deyo, Kelly Dowker (Student Senate President), Shirley Fleischmann, Justin Frappier (Student Senate), John Gabrosek, Gary Greer, Christopher Haven, Barb Hooper, Dave Huizen, Naoki Kanaboshi, Courtney Karasinski, Salvador Lopez-Arias, Hazel McClure, Amy McFarland, Marie McKendall, Grace McMahon (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, Jeff Ward, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel, Andrew Wilson

Absent:
Ex Officio: Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel, Suzanne Benet, Bonnie Bowen, Jennifer Drake, Paul Plotkowski, Chris Plouff, Mark Schaub, Ellen Schendel, Sherril Soman

Guests: Jennifer Cymbola, Karen Gipson, Doug Graham, Erica Hamilton, Bob Hollister, Laurence Jose, Lynette Keen, Kin Ma, Kimberly McKee, Melissa Morison, Nick Raak, Dawn Rutecki, Mike Stoll, Richard Vallery, Kristen Vu, Pam Wells, Cameron Zbikowski

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm.

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of December 4, 2020 was reviewed.	The Agenda of December 4, 2020 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of UAS November 6, 2020 were reviewed.	The Minutes of UAS November 6, 2020 were approved.
3. Report from the Chair	Chair Ngassa presented the upcoming schedule and agenda items.	
4. Report from the Provost	No Report	
5. Report from the Student Senate President	No Report	
6. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Majd Al-Mallah led discussion on Reach Higher 2025 to gather information for the planning of the Steering Committee. b. Provost Cimitile and AVP Ellen Schendel led discussion on program review, shared an overview of the processes going forward and answered questions from the floor. c. Registrar Pam Wells presented an overview of the planned revision of the Transfer Credit Policy in the GVSU Catalog, and answered questions from the floor. d. Chair Ngassa led discussion on UAS Endorsement of a Letter in Support of the American Council on Education (ACE) and in 	<p>MOTION: University Academic Senate supports Endorsement of a UAS Letter in Support of the American Council on Education (ACE)</p>

	<p>Response to Executive Order 13950 that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support Endorsement of a Letter in Support of the American Council on Education (ACE) and in Response to Executive Order 13950.</p> <p>e. Erica Hamilton presented an overview of the OEMC Revised Recommendation for Online/Hybrid Course Approvals in COVID-19 that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the OEMC Revised Recommendation for Online/Hybrid Course Approvals in COVID-19 was voted on.</p> <p>f. Bob Hollister presented an overview of the FSBC recommendation on the Annual Salary Adjustment Request for 2020-2021 that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to the FSBC recommendation on the Annual Salary Adjustment Request for 2020-2021 was voted on.</p> <p>g. Bob Hollister presented an overview of FSBC recommendation on Faculty Teaching Load for Winter 2021 that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the FSBC recommendation on Faculty Teaching Load for Winter 2021 was voted on.</p> <p>h. Kristen Vu presented an overview of APSC recommendation for Continuation of COVID-19 Temporary Academic Policies for Winter 2021 that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>During discussion a <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to amend the language in “students are expected to attend and engage *in-person class meetings* when there is no health risk to others; *for classes that meet online, students are expected to attend and engage all meetings*.” Faculty are prohibited from having an attendance policy *for in-person meetings* that directly affect grades.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the</p>	<p>and in Response to Executive Order 13950. APPROVED 46 Yes; 2 No; 3 Abstain</p> <p>MOTION: University Academic Senate supports the Online Education & Microcredential Committee Revised Recommendation for Online/Hybrid Course Approvals in COVID-19. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: University Academic Senate supports the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee recommendation on the Annual Salary Adjustment Request for 2020-2021. APPROVED 45 Yes; 2 No; 3 Abstain</p> <p>MOTION: University Academic Senate supports Faculty Salary and Budget Committee recommendation on Faculty Teaching Load for Winter 2021. APPROVED 46 Yes; 2 No; 2 Abstain</p> <p>MOTION: University Academic Senate supports the Academic</p>
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	<p>Senate supports the Academic Policies and Standards Committee recommendation for Continuation of COVID-19 Temporary Academic Policies for Winter 2021 as amended at the meeting was voted on.</p> <p>i. Kristen Vu presented an overview of APSC recommendation on Modifying the Class Attendance Policy to Include Student Bereavement Policy that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the APSC recommendation on Modifying the Class Attendance Policy to Include Student Bereavement Policy was voted on.</p> <p>j. Kristen Vu presented an overview of APSC recommendation in Support of Alternative Methods to Compensate for Elimination of Spring Break in Winter 2021 that was distributed earlier. Discussion</p> <p>During discussion a <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to replace the initial motion on the floor with:</p> <p><i>Two reading recess days are proposed to give students a “breather” in lieu of spring break during the Winter 2021 semester. The first reading recess day is proposed for Wednesday, February 24, one week before midterms. A second day is proposed for Tuesday, March 16. The second day falls within the week of the drop deadline and could give students a chance to catch up before making a decision to drop any courses.</i></p> <p><i>Units requiring exceptions to these reading recess days may petition their Deans with appropriate rationale. Units requiring an exception to these dates are encouraged to coordinate alternative reading recess days to maximize the benefits of recovery time for students.</i></p> <p>A <u>motion was made, seconded, and agreed by consensus</u> to extend the meeting for 30 minutes.</p> <p>Discussion continued on the original APSC recommendation on Alternative Methods to Compensate for Elimination of Spring Break in Winter 2021, which was then voted on.</p> <p>k. Kin Ma presented an overview of the Request for</p>	<p>Policies and Standards Committee recommendation for Continuation of COVID-19 Temporary Academic Policies for Winter 2021 as amended at the meeting. APPROVED 46 Yes; 4 No; 0 Abstain</p> <p>MOTION: University Academic Senate supports APSC recommendation on Modifying the Class Attendance Policy to Include Student Bereavement Policy APPROVED 48 Yes; 0 No; 2 Abstain</p> <p>MOTION: University Academic Senate supports substituting the initial motion from APSC with “Two reading recess days are proposed to give students a “breather” in lieu of spring break during the Winter 2021 semester. The first reading recess day is proposed for Wednesday, February 24, one week before midterms. A second day is proposed for Tuesday, March 16. The second day falls within the week of the drop deadline and could give students a chance to catch up before making a decision to drop any courses.</p> <p>Units requiring exceptions to these reading recess days may petition their Deans with appropriate rationale. Units requiring an exception to these dates are encouraged to coordinate alternative reading recess days to maximize the benefits of recovery time for students. MOTION FAILED Yes 19, No 25; Abstain 6</p> <p>MOTION: University Academic Senate supports the APSC recommendation on Alternative Methods to Compensate for Elimination of Spring Break in Winter 2021. MOTION FAILED Yes 15; No 29; Abstain 6</p> <p>MOTION: University Academic Senate endorses the Rev. Dr. MLK</p>
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	<p>Endorsement of the Rev. Dr. MLK Virtual Commemoration for Winter 2021 on January 18.</p> <p>I. AVP Aboufadel presented an update from the Virus Action Team (VAT).</p> <p>Provost Cimitile offered her thoughts on how to address the request for days off for students; Chair Ngassa will add this to the ECS agenda on December 11.</p>	<p>Virtual Commemoration for Winter 2021 on January 18. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
<p>7. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm</p>	