

Grand Valley State University  
Executive Committee of the Senate Meeting  
**Minutes of December 8, 2023**

**Present:** Yatin Bhagwat, Rachel Campbell, Tara Cornelius, Chris Cruz (for Anne Sergeant), Susan Harrington, Chris Haven, Magdelyn Hallead (Student Senate EVP), Courtney Karasinski (Vice Chair), Salvador Lopez-Arias, Hazel McClure, Jared Moore, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Chuck Pazdernik, Quinten Proctor (Student Senate President), Karyn Rabourn, Robert Talbert, Deana Weibel

**Absent:** Amy McFarland

**Ex Officio:** Fatma Mili, Ed Aboufadel

**Guests:** Andy Beachnau, Matthew Boelkins, Jennifer Cymbola, Scarlet Galvan, Linda Pickett, Amy Ferdinandt Stolley, Daniel Velez

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action / Decision</b>
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of December 8, 2023, was reviewed.	The Agenda of December 8, 2023, was approved, as amended, by removing 6.f.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of ECS Meeting of November 17, 2023, were reviewed.	The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of November 17, 2023, were approved.
3. Report from Chair	Chair Ngassa reported on the upcoming schedule and proposed agenda items for next semester. At the request of the Chair, Jared Moore reported that in PCEC the LIFT evaluations are set to be distributed on December 25 and wondered if it is feasible to change the date. AVP Aboufadel will contact Philip Batty in Institutional Analysis so the Office of the Provost can address this.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Mili thanked all for their work getting to the end of the semester.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Proctor reported that Student Senate has finalized some proposals for their restructuring process. These proposals will serve as the framework for what will be their new governing documents. The Student Senate's primary focus for next semester will be to implement these changes going forward.	

<p>6. New Business</p>	<p>a. Chair Ngassa shared info on the background of the charge that was given to the Test-Optional and Holistic Admission Task Force. Scarlet Galvan provided an overview of the Test-Optional and Holistic Admission Task Force Report that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Test-Optional and Holistic Admission Task Force Report and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>b. Andy Beachnau provided an overview of the Proposed Changes to the Campus Life Committee that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Proposed Changes to the Campus Life Committee, as amended by changing the reporting structure and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>c. AVP Aboufadel provided an overview of the ECS/UAS Endorsement of the COACHE Survey that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to act on behalf of UAS to endorse the COACHE Survey.</p> <p>d. Jared Moore provided background on the basis for recommending a Consent Agenda for UAS. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-how a UAS member can request removing an item from the consent agenda.</li> <li>-how to onboard new UAS members</li> </ul> <p>Jared Moore and Chuck Pazdernik agreed to craft a document for ECS consideration at a future meeting.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Test-Optional and Holistic Admission Task Force Report and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support.  <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Proposed Changes to the Campus Life Committee, as amended by changing the reporting structure, and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support.  <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate acts on behalf of UAS and endorses the COACHE Survey.  <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>
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	<p>e. The Charge and Timeline for the Task Force on Governance Committee Structure was discussed. General suggestions were made, and it was agreed that the Task Force would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review the current Faculty Governance Structures to determine where efficiencies can be created by consolidating Standing Committees or creating new Standing Committees, and</li> <li>- Benchmark peer institutions to determine what governance structures exist and how these governance structures work within governance systems.</li> </ul>	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:01 pm	