

## Detailed ECS Notes from 02/23/2024

### Report from the Chair

- *On the Test-Optional and Holistic Admissions Task Force Recommendations Response Memo from President Mantella, Provost Mili, and VP Truss*: We have now received the response memo on the Test-Optional and Holistic Admissions Task Force Recommendations from President Mantella, Provost Mili, and VP Truss. You can have access to President Mantella's response memo by going [here](#).
- *On the GVSU Quest Series*: Join the GVSU Quest Series on Tuesday, February 27 at 3:00-4:00 pm in Room 2204, Pere Marquette Room, Kirkhoff Center, in the Allendale Campus. The title is, "Academic Freedom: Building Trust and Community in a Time of Discord." For more information and to register, please go [here](#).
- *On Democracy 101*: Upcoming events are February 28, and March 27.
- *On the Theme for the 2024 UAS Newsletter*: The theme for the 2024 UAS Newsletter will be *The Role of Shared Governance in Co-Creating Laker Readiness*. All faculty who would like to contribute an article should contact Chair Ngassa and plan to submit their articles by the deadline of April 1.
- *On the UAS Meeting of March 15*: The March 15 UAS meeting will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. The agenda items include the following: Proposed University Definition of Digital Literacy; Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC) Memo on Bias Statements for Students and Faculty Revised; Presentation on the New Complaints and Grievance Process; Presentation of the Bellamy Creek Program; Inclusion & Equity Strategic Framework Presentation; Creation of Test-Optional and Holistic Admissions Task Force 2; Discussion of Statement of Concern Document on Admission; and Policy on Establishing, Reviewing, and Discontinuing Academic Centers, SG 2.06 & 1.03.B.14.

### Report from the Provost

- *On the President's Forum Discussion*: Provost Mili reported that Dr. David Ruiter, faculty director of the Teaching and Learning Commons at the University of California San Diego visited Grand Valley for a President's Forum discussion on "Learning Lost and Found."

### Report from the Student Senate President

- *On Elections*: Student Senate election season is underway. Current Student Senate President, Quinten Proctor, is running for re-election. This is the first time the Student Senate President will be elected by the student body at large.
- *On Admissions and Retention*: The Student Senate continued discussing issues related to admissions and retention, especially how to help connect students with resources once they are here.
- *On the "Elect Her" Leadership Training*: Student Senate hosted its annual "Elect Her" leadership training program.

### New Business

- *On the Graduate Council (GC) Memo on Independent Study Policy*: This memo addresses an issue within the standing responsibility of the GC pursuant to the bylaws in SG 1.02.g.iv.b. The independent study policy has not been reviewed for over 15 years. GC reviewed and updated the existing policy to be consistent with current practices and terminology. The policy is housed in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog within the section titled Graduate Academic Policies and Regulations. The motion to support the GC recommendation and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support was approved unanimously.
- *On the Graduate Council (GC) Memo on Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy in Theses and Dissertation*: This memo addresses an issue within the standing responsibility of the GC pursuant to the bylaws in SG 1.02.g.iv.b. The use of artificial intelligence (AI) in generating a research project, thesis, or dissertation must adhere to some minimum standards in order to ensure academic integrity and uphold quality standards. The policy is housed in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog within the section titled Graduate Academic Policies and Regulations. The motion to support the GC recommendation and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support was approved unanimously.

- *On the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) Memo on Course Designation for Study Abroad:* The UCC recommends the creation of a permanent course designation specific to study abroad. The recommendation is the result of collaborations with the Padnos International Center (PIC), the International Education Committee (IEC), and the University Registrar's Office. The motion to support the UCC recommendation and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support was approved unanimously.
- *On the Policy on Establishment, Review, and Discontinuing Academic Centers, SG 2.06 & 1.03.B.14:* New language was proposed to replace the current language in SG 2.06. The current title of SG 2.06, "Procedure for Establishment of Non-Academic Institutes, Centers, and Offices" will be replaced with the title, "Policy on Establishing, Reviewing, and Discontinuing Academic Centers." In addition, it is recommended to insert a new section SG 1.03.B.14 in order to establish an additional University Governance Committee. The motion to support the Proposed Changes to the Policy on Establishing, Reviewing, and Discontinuing Academic Centers, SG 2.06 & 1.03.B.14, and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support was approved unanimously.
- *On the Discussion of Consent Agenda for UAS:* The proposed language for describing the operation of a consent agenda for UAS was reviewed. It was recommended that the proposed language be placed in the prior section as an appendix to 8.2.4. The motion to support the proposed language describing the operation of a Consent Agenda and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support was approved unanimously.
- *On the Review of Statement of Concern Document on Admission:* We reviewed and discussed the "Statement of Concern Document on Admission." ECS did not take any action on the document but rather made a motion to forward the document to UAS as a position statement expressing faculty concerns, for discussion of whether to modify, approve, and/or disseminate. The motion was not unanimous but received overwhelming support.
- *On the Discussion of Creation of Test-Optional and Holistic Admissions Task Force 2:* We reviewed and discussed the potential charges of the Test-Optional and Holistic Admissions Task Force 2. The updated charges will be shared with UAS on March 15 and UAS will discuss the composition of such a taskforce.