

Detailed ECS Notes from 10/29/2021

Report from the Chair

- *On Faculty Forums:* The Faculty Forums on Shared Governance were well-attended with 99 faculty registered for the Wednesday session and 77 faculty registered for the Thursday session. A summary of the key concerns raised will be shared in a future message from the Chair of ECS/UAS.
- *On the November 10 & 11 Teach-In:* Faculty are encouraged to volunteer to host/moderate sessions.
- *On Reach Higher 2025:* Four faculty members are joining the Reach Higher 2025 Steering Committee: Ana Gonzalez (SCB), Amy McFarland (BCOIS), Paul Murphy (CLAS), and Joel Wendland-Liu (BCOIS). It was discussed that faculty should continue to provide feedback to the Steering Committee via the Reach Higher 2025 website and should participate in the conversations hosted by the President.
- *On the Next UAS Meeting of November 5:* The agenda contains the following items: Discussion on Student Mental Health Services; Confirmation of Appointed Faculty Representatives to the Online Education and Microcredential Council (OEMC); Affiliate Faculty Advisory Committee (AFAC) Memo on Affiliate Faculty Evaluation Procedure; Graduate Council (GC) Memo on Dual Level Enrollment Policy Change; Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) Memo on Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Policy for Undergraduates; Online Education and Microcredential Council (OEMC) Memo on Leadership and Succession Planning; and Update from VAT.

Report from the Provost

- *On the Michigan Association of State Universities (MASU) Distinguished Professor of the Year Award:* Two years ago our nominee was Steve Maddox and he was the recipient of the Distinguished Professor of the Year Award by MASU! This year's nominee was Erica Hamilton. Steve and Erica will be recognized at the Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting on Friday, November 5.

Report from the Student Senate President

- Student senate hosted Open Access Week.
- Student Senate is working with the Lanthorn on an article about Campus Dining.
- Student senate will sponsor a food drive in November

Old Business

- *On Discussion of Peer Review Pilot With Update from the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC):* FPPC's Peer Review Process of faculty teaching was approved by ECS in 2018, but FPPC has not been able to find individuals or units willing to participate in a pilot. Former Provost Cimitile was a strong advocate for a consistent peer-review process. HLC noted in our accreditation visit that we need consistency across campus.
- *On APSC Memo on Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Policy-Undergraduate:* This policy is meant to be in addition to the current Credit by Exam that covers AP, IB, CLEP, and DSST exams. Prior learning credit will apply toward the Credit/No Credit limit provided in the General Academic Policies of the catalog. In addition, prior learning credit may not be applied toward a course that is a prerequisite for a course they already have credit for. ECS passed a motion to support the APSC Memo on PLA Policy for Undergraduate with recommendation to UAS.

New Business

- *On the Online Education and Microcredential Council (OEMC) Memo on Leadership and Succession Planning:* All standing committees were charged with developing a leadership and succession planning process, which will become part of the bylaws. Questions rose around the timing of electing new leadership. It was discussed that this should be consistent across standing committees. ECS passed a motion to support the OEMC Memo on Leadership and Succession Planning with recommendation to UAS.
- *On the Graduate Council (GC) Memo on Dual Level Enrollment Policy Change:* The following modifications were recommended to the Dual Level Enrollment Policy: (1) Graduate credits can count for both a degree and a credential; (2) Up to 12 graduate credits can be counted toward a future graduate degree.

This policy would be found in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog within the section titled Graduate Academic Policies and Regulations. A copy of the policy will also be found in the Graduate Education Policies and Procedures Manual. ECS passed a motion to support the GC Memo on Dual Level Enrollment Policy Change with recommendation to UAS.

- *On Discussion of ECS Title IX Taskforce Report:* ECS is in support of the recommendations made by the taskforce and will be acting pursuant to SG 1.01.3.2. However, when ECS met on October 29 to review the taskforce final report, a request was made for revisions to be made on the final report and resubmit to ECS for review before any action can be taken by ECS.
- *On VAT Update:* 83% of students are fully vaccinated, 3% need a second dose, 10% have exemptions. Exemptions require yearly re-application. Noncompliant students will be dropped from Winter 2022 courses. Approximately 439 faculty/staff are noncompliant, most are adjuncts or temporary employees. VAT will update UAS on November 5.

Preview of the UAS Meeting of 11/05/2021

The Executive Committee of the Senate (ECS) met three times in the month of October to discuss business of the University Academic Senate (UAS). These meetings were held on the following dates: October 8, October 15, and October 29. At these meetings, ECS acted within its powers as specified in our Shared Governance Policies, acted on behalf of UAS or supported motions with recommendation to UAS.

ECS sets the agenda for UAS in the form of motions. Although motions come from ECS, it should not be considered a “done deal” because UAS (following Robert’s Rules) will have to act on these motions. The action from UAS is final. All ECS/UAS decisions are recommendations to the Provost and/or the President. ECS made specific motions on the following business items with a recommendation of support to UAS:

- Discussion on Student Mental Health Services.
- Confirmation of Appointed Faculty Representatives to the Online Education and Microcredential Council (OEMC). In accordance with our Shared Governance Policies (SG 1.02.k.i), faculty members in the Online Education and Microcredential Council (OEMC) with the required expertise are appointed by the Provost, in consultation with the ECS/UAS Chair and confirmed by UAS. UAS will formally confirm the following OEMC faculty nominees on Friday, November 5: Krista Benson (BCOIS); Rick Geisel (CECI); Denise Goerisch (BCOIS); Alisha Karabinus (CLAS).
- Affiliate Faculty Advisory Committee (AFAC) Memo on Affiliate Faculty Evaluation Procedure.
- Graduate Council (GC) Memo on Dual Level Enrollment Policy Change.
- Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) Memo on Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Policy for Undergraduates.
- Online Education and Microcredential Council (OEMC) Memo on Leadership and Succession Planning.
- Update from VAT.