

Detailed ECS Notes from 09/02/2022

Report from the Chair

- *On Memos from the 2021-2022 Academic Year:* No outstanding memos from 2021-22, most approved as recommended, a few approved with minor changes. The exception is the FPPC Memo on LIFT Reports; moving forward with using distributions has not been approved, a complete description of the evaluation of teaching, including student-evaluation, peer-evaluation, and self-evaluation is needed before changes are made.
- *On Prospectus for Bachelor's Degree in Data Science and Analytics:* New Programs Council approved the prospectus, and a taskforce was established to draft a proposal.
- *On the Accreditation of the Interprofessional Simulation Center in KCON:* The Simulation Center is housed within KCON but does not have a curricular focus. The Simulation Center is seeking accreditation from the Society for Simulation in Healthcare. Questions were raised by the body on whether all teaching materials will need accreditation. Nursing, health professions, and other Colleges and units use the Simulation Center as part of competency-based education and clinical education, and accreditation of the Simulation Center will ensure best practices are used.
- *On the Next ECS Meeting of September 9:* The September 9 ECS meeting will be a face-to-face meeting. The agenda contains the following items: Discussion on Institutional Data Management; Discussion on Inclusive Approaches to Faculty Mentoring; Review and Discussion of the LIFT-MC Report on Bias in LIFT; Review and Discussion of the OEMC Second Year Report on the 2-Year Microcredential Process; Review and Discussion of the UAC Memo on Program Review Reportage; Review and Discussion on the 2022 EIC Report on Diversity of Faculty, Staff, and Students; and LIFT-MC Membership Selection.

Report from the Provost

- *On New AVPs:* The Provost introduced the three new AVPs: Erica Hamilton for curriculum, Sean Lancaster for accreditation, and Aaron Lowen for data analytics.
- *On Faculty Workloads:* The Provost will be reviewing faculty workloads looking for ways to ensure that faculty expertise is being used well and that faculty work is rewarding.
- *On Student Data:* The Provost will be reviewing student data to help understand how to help students succeed, while being conservative about student privacy, ethically using data, and asking focused questions to use minimum datasets. As an institution, GVSU should be a model of ethical data use and protecting privacy.
- *On the Climate Survey:* Data were released in May; additional data are now available and are being released. The Provost plans to schedule open sessions for reviewing data.
- *On Strategic Planning:* Strategic planning is proceeding deliberately, aiming to understand who we are and who we want to be in Academic Affairs. The deans will take the mission and vision to colleges for input once versions have been narrowed. There has been a note to highlight the research component. The strategic plan needs to value everything everyone does: teaching, research, and service.

Report from the Student Senate President

- *On Recruitment:* The Student Senate has been focusing efforts on recruitment.
- *On Equity:* Student Senate is working to identify student concerns and inequities.
- *On Stipends for Student Senators:* Student Senate would welcome input from faculty who have knowledge of stipend programs for student governance.
- *On the 5-Year Plan:* Student Senate is working on a 5-year plan and is considering hiring a consultant to help rebuild and restructure.

New Business

- *On Review and Adoption of 2022-2023 Charges to Standing Committees:* In the presence of the Standing Committee Chairs, ECS reviewed and adopted the final charges for the 2022-2023 academic year. The Chair of ECS/UAS will send an official memo to each Standing Committee Chair with the final charges that were approved by ECS. Senate leadership will meet with the committee chairs who have question on their charges.
- *On Ownership of Instructional Materials Overview by AVP Ed Aboufadel:* AVP Aboufadel highlighted questions around ownership of instructional materials and requested the creation of a taskforce to develop clear policies around this issue. The motion to create a taskforce passed 13 yes, 1 abstain. There will be a call for individuals with intellectual property expertise to serve on the taskforce. All faculty with intellectual property expertise or faculty who know colleagues with intellectual property expertise are urged to self-nominate or nominate a colleague by sending an email to the Chair of ECS/UAS (ngassaf@gvsu.edu).
- *On EIC Report on Diversity of Faculty, Staff, and Students:* The report was reviewed and discussed. It was noted that there is a need to know from exit interviews why individuals from diverse backgrounds are leaving the university. There is often an expectation for individuals from diverse backgrounds to serve their communities, in addition to serving the university. Some majors tend to be dominated by certain groups and faculty would like to see why certain groups do not select certain majors and consider how to increase diversity in these majors. Strategic initiatives for ECS this year include evaluating teaching and looking at faculty workload. Gathering data by college could be helpful. Motion to accept the report and forward to the Provost's Office, where the Office of Institutional Analysis can provide additional data passed 13 yes 1 no.
- *On the Faculty Teaching and Learning Center Advisory Committee (FTLCAC) Memo on Leadership and Succession Planning:* FTLCAC proposed a chair and a vice chair for continuity and apprenticeship. Motion to support and forward to UAS passed 14 yes.
- *On the Laker Impression of Faculty Teaching Management Committee (LIFT-MC) Membership Selection:* There are two returning committee members. Two additional members were nominated. Two more members are needed. More nominees are needed, and selection will be made by ECS on September 9. All faculty colleagues with relevant scholarly expertise in qualitative and quantitative analysis of data are encouraged to self-nominate by sending an email to the Chair of ECS/UAS (ngassaf@gvsu.edu).