

Detailed UAS Notes from 12/09/2022

Report from the Chair

- *On the University Technology Council (UTC):* The term of those appointed by ECS expired last December. ECS has reappointed faculty members who expressed interest to continue for the new term January 2023-December 2024.
- *On the New Programs Council (NPC):* The New Programs Council met regarding the creation of a school in Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies (BCOIS). The NPC voted in favor of the new school. UAS representatives from BCOIS expressed consternation about the way input was sought by NPC. UAS leadership met with members of the BCOIS Faculty Council and Units affected by the proposed reorganization in order to address concerns regarding the application of SG 2.05.4.b. UAS leadership further requested each Unit Head and Program Director, whose unit or program is affected by the proposed reorganization, to provide written input that will be shared with the members of the NPC pursuant to SG 2.05.4.b. The main focus of the meeting and request for written input is on the governance process and faculty participation in the process. Although the proposal submitted and supporting materials shared at the NPC meeting demonstrated that multiple avenues were available for faculty to provide feedback, the consternation expressed by UAS representatives from BCOIS and confusion over the interpretation of SG 2.05.4.b were sufficient to organize a meeting and request written input from units affected by the proposed reorganization. Furthermore, ECS will discuss the role of the NPC and review SG 2.05.4.b during the January 13 ECS meeting.
- *On the Annual ECS/UAS 2022-2023 Newsletter:* The theme of the 2022-2023 Newsletter will be “Lakers Ready for Equity and Sustainability.” All past newsletters can be found on the faculty governance website. All are invited to send contributions for newsletter articles to Chair Ngassa by March 15. The newsletter will be published in April.
- *On the Next ECS Meeting of January 13:* The January 13 ECS meeting will be a face-to-face meeting in our downtown DeVos campus. The agenda contains the following items: Update on Differential Tuition Discussion; Discussion on the Role of NPC and Review of SG 2.05.4.b; Review of Proposal to Amend SG 1.01 Sections 2.2.2.1 & Section 2.2.2.2; Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC) Memo on Authorship Guidelines for Collaborative Scholarship; Graduate Council (GC) Memo on 8-Year Time Limit Policy; Faculty Salary and Budget Committee (FSBC) Memo on Independent Studies Compensation; FSBC Memo on Student Pay; and Student Senate Memo on Student Wages.

Report from the Provost

- *On Faculty and Staff Support for Students:* The Provost expressed appreciation for the flexibility and openness of the faculty and staff in their work with students and the institution.
- *On Enrollment Data:* Enrollment data is showing positive numbers.
- *On Banner During Finals Week:* Faculty expressed gratitude to the Provost for talking with IT about not having Banner be down during finals week.

Report from the Student Senate President

- *On Legislation:* The Student Senate passed legislation on parking, the farmers’ market location, student wages, and the credit/no credit deadline.
- *On Climate and Structure:* The Student Senate is working with a consultant on improving the climate and structure of the Student Senate.

- *On Comment Boxes:* The Student Senate has placed comment boxes in Allendale and Grand Rapids for students to provide input. Anything related to faculty will be shared with ECS/UAS, but the comments will be unfiltered and anonymous.

New Business

- *On the Presentation from WGVU:* The history, mission, vision, and funding of WGVU was shared. WGVU encourages faculty to talk with them about large grant projects prior to submitting proposals. They can help connect faculty with with community partners and also PBS and NPR personalities. WGVU is an organization of impact, rather than merely a broadcasting organization.
- *On the Discussion of Endorsement of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Week (January 16-21, 2023):* Keynote speakers will be Eddie Glaude, Jr.; Jerry Wallace, '09; and Mary Frances Berry. Events include a silent march on the Allendale Campus on Wednesday, January 18, and a day of service on Saturday, January 21. More information on the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Week can be found [here](#).
- *On the Review of Assurance Argument for HLC:* AVP Sean Lancaster shared that our 4-year assurance argument is due to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) in June 2023. Administration is seeking affirmation from ECS/UAS that we want to continue to be accredited by HLC. The University Assessment Committee (UAC) is helping support Sean's efforts. Anyone can come to AVP Lancaster's office to look through the whole document if desired. A motion to endorse was supported.
- *On the Online Education and Microcredential Council (OEMC) Memo on Membership Change Request:* A budget officer in the Office of the Provost and an administrator from Institutional Marketing have been ex-officio members of OEMC. OEMC has found that these individuals do not need to be members of the committee, as they can simply be consulted as needed. A motion to approve was supported.
- *On the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee (FSBC) Memo on Annual Salary Adjustment Request for 2023-2024:* FSBC recommended a raise of CPI plus 1.5%, which has been the historical recommendation. Typically, in the past, the University has met this minimum standard, but it has not been met the last 2 years. There are also concerns about the salaries of full professors. If the trend for full professors' salaries at GVSU continues, relative to the mean of the other MI public universities, recommendations will be made. A motion to support was supported.

Open Comment

- *On the Laker Club:* Faculty are enjoying the Laker Club and appreciate the work that was done to create it.
- *On Graduates:* Our graduates are not alumni until after the semester has ended; it would be appreciated if they could not be asked for donations as alumni until after they graduate. The Provost offered to verify that students were being asked for donations prior to completing the semester and will convey the message to wait.