

Detailed UAS Notes from 01/21/2022

Report from the Chair

- *On Faculty Forums:* Dates for winter faculty forums on shared governance are Tuesday February 22, 10:30-12:00 and Wednesday February 23, 2:30-4:00.
- *On the Theme of 2021-2022 Senate Newsletter:* The theme is *Adapting to Change and Reaching Higher Together*. The deadline to submit an article and photo is March 28, 2022. All faculty are invited to submit an article on what adapting to change and reaching higher together means to them.
- *On the Title IX External Investigators' Final Report:* The final report is now available on the Office of General Counsel website. You will need your GVSU login credentials to have access to the report. To access the report you can go [here](#).
- *On the Provost Interviews:* The last two candidates are here this week 01/24 & 01/25, and 01/27 & 01/28. If you missed the Open Forums, the recordings are available on the Provost Search website. Don't forget to complete the feedback survey that is available on the Final Candidates page of the Provost Search website. Surveys will be open until January 31 at 5 pm. You can get to the Final Candidates page by going [here](#).
- *On the Next ECS Meeting of January 28:* The agenda contains the following items: Discussion with the External Investigators on the Title IX Investigation Final Report; Laker Impression of Faculty Teaching Management Committee (LIFT-MC) Response to the Equity in Personnel Process (EPP) Task Force Recommendations; University Assessment Committee (UAC) Memo on the Recommendations from the Pre-major and Service Course Task Force; Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC) Memo on 12-Month Faculty; Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) Memo on 58-Credit Rule; and APSC Memo on Graduation Honors Policy.

Report from the Provost

- *On the Provost Search:* Thank you to all those who have participated.
- *On Enrollment for Winter 2022:* We are down 3.6% for headcount and 3.8% for credit hours as compared to Winter 2021. This is consistent with what we saw comparing Fall 2021 with Fall 2020. The contingency funding that was budgeted in anticipation of this decline in enrollment is expected to be sufficient to cover the shortfall.
- *On the Title IX Review:* The report of the external reviewers has been shared with ECS and is also available on the Office of General Counsel website. ECS will have a discussion with the external investigators at the January 28 ECS meeting. The external investigators will attend UAS on February 11 (4:00-5:00 pm) to answer questions. The session with the external investigators on February 11 will be open to all of the GVSU community. Remember, UAS is an open meeting.

Report from the Student Senate President

- *On the State of the Student Body:* This will be a conversation about the work the Student Senate has done and plans to continue. It will be held on Thursday January 27 at 4pm in the Cook-DeWitt Center and will be livestreamed on the Student Senate Website.

New Business

- *On RH2025:* The RH2025 co-leads provided an update on changes since the December 3 UAS meeting. Changes included significant copy edits around parallelism, syntax, and clarity by K. Remlinger, P. West, and the co-leads. Website changes continued. A land acknowledgement was incorporated. President Mantella's conversations continue, open zoom town halls have been held, and minimal concerns have been voiced over the latest version. A straw poll from the town hall on December 10, 2021 indicated 62% support, 0% not support, and 38% neutral. A straw poll from the town hall on December 16 indicated 67% support, 5% not support, and 28% neutral. At an AP session on January 13, 85% support, 0% not support, and 15% neutral. After the ECS meeting of January 14, bullet points under Empowered Educational Experience were revised based on suggestions made by ECS. A motion to endorse was made and seconded. A total 40 out of 46 voting members present voted yes to endorse RH2025, 3 out of 46 voted no and 3 out of 46 abstained.

The percentage was 87% in support and 13% not in support. UAS members expressed appreciation for the extended process of revision of the strategic plan. Specific comments and suggestions included

- The latest version is more pleasant to read than previous versions
- The bullet on moving from a “one-size-fits-all” seems to suggest that we currently have such an approach, but we do not.
- The land acknowledgement is a good addition, but the wording is different from what some usually have seen, so this should be checked.
- It will be important to continue to work together to enact the plan and honor the time invested into building a strong plan that more people could buy into.
- Multiple visions/orientations toward the future of GVSU fit together in this document.
- “Providing relevant programs,” not certain the word “relevant” is needed.
- In the vision statement, “the futures they face” sounds passive and maybe could just say “the future.”
- Maybe students should be added to the list of potential mentors in the section discussing the “network of mentors.”
- Under “inquiry” in the last sentence, the word “expression” feels vague. Perhaps “creative” or “artistic” expression is meant?
- Sexuality should be added to the list of inequities to work to eliminate, and “social structures” seems vague and perhaps not needed.