

# Grand Valley State University Executive Committee of the Senate Minutes of September 2, 2016

**Present:** Shawn Bultsma, Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Ella Fritzemeier (Student Senate President), Jonathan Hodge, Karen Gipson (Chair), Nancy Levenburg, Salvador Lopez-Arias, George Lundskow, Felix Ngassa (Vice Chair), Mary O’Kelly, Tonya Parker, Chuck Pazdernik, Samhita Rhodes, James Sanford, Dan Vaughn, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel

**Absent:**

**Ex Officio:** Gayle Davis, Ed Aboufadel, Suzeanne Benet, Maria Cimitile, Kathy Gulembo

**Guests:** Liz Arnold, Andrew Booth

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 2, 2016 was reviewed	The Agenda of September 2, 2016 was approved with the removal of item g.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of April 15, 2016 were reviewed.	The Minutes of April 15, 2016 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair distributed anyBODY wristbands to promote a single stall restroom app developed by SCB professor Star Swift and called attention to the fact that Felix Ngassa was profiled in the CLAS quadrennial report. She reported that the Faculty Handbook updates over the summer included correction of typos and reordering of content but no substantive changes other than those in the UAS memos. She further reported that responses to memos were received except for unit head load and regular part-time faculty. The Chair presented additional updates and unfinished business from the previous year, as well as an update to the schedule.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Davis reported that the enrollment numbers are looking good, and promised a full report at the Sept UAS meeting. The search the university libraries dean continues. Ed Aboufadel provided an update on the planned medical leaves and reported that he is working with HRO to get items	

	aligned in colleges. The provost reported that Senate will be heavily involved in the work of University Personnel Review committee. Ed Aboufadel also reported on the applicant tracking system being implemented soon. Questions were answered from the floor.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Fritzemeier reported that the first general assembly meeting was held yesterday. She reported that there is a nomination form for filling student senate seats and encouraged Senators to nominate students. She also reported that there are ongoing voter registration events and other civic and social events planned for the upcoming year. Questions were answered from the floor.	
6. New Business	<p>a. The ECS duties that were distributed earlier were discussed. Several recommendations were made from the floor on how to handle motions for forwarding information to UAS; discussion on difference between “refer” and “recommend.” <u>A motion was made and seconded</u> to affirm using Roberts Rules in a similar fashion to what was used in the past.</p> <p>b. The Charges to the 2016-17 Standing Committee that were distributed earlier were discussed. Changes to the charges to APSC, FFPAC, and UAC were presented and discussed.  <u>A Motion was made and seconded</u> to approve the changes the 2016-17 charges as presented. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>c. Nominees for appointments to the Student Media Advisory Board were presented. Alli Metz (2017), Bill Morison (2018), Patrick Roth (2019), Gregory Schymik (2017), Andrew Topper (2018) and Andrew Wendland (2019).  <u>A Motion was made and seconded</u> to approve the slate as presented.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate affirms using Robert’s Rules in a fashion similar to how they were used in the past. <b>APPROVED Unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate approves the charges to the Standing Committees as presented. <b>APPROVED Unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate approves the slate of nominees as presented. <b>APPROVED Unanimously.</b></p>

	<p>The rotation schedule was discussed to allow staggering of the terms and have the committee suggest plans for future rotation of terms. Further discussion was heard on who the committee reports to.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to approve the terms of the representatives.</p> <p>d. There was review of more flexible language for non-weekly committee meeting times that was distributed earlier. During discussion recommendations were made on how to accomplish this.  APSC – one Thursday per month (not less than once per month)  FFPAC – One Friday per month (not less than once per month)  FPPC – Alternate Wednesdays  FTLCAC – One Monday per month (not less than once per month)</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the changes to the standing committee meeting schedule as presented.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to act on behalf of UAS regarding the change in standing committee meeting schedules.</p> <p>e. There was discussion on possible taskforces for 2016-17. Several taskforces and possible membership were recommended for: Equity and Inclusion; Town-Gown Taskforce; Campus Restaurant</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to create a taskforce for Equity and Inclusion until the EIC takes effect in Fall 2017. The charges of this taskforce are: (a) Consult with the LGBT Center and make recommendations for including a non-binary option on university forms; (b) plan for the Teach-in during January 2017; (c) work with Action Teams to recommend classroom policies, and (d) consider other ways to prepare for the EIC to begin its work in Fall 2017.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate approves the terms for nominees of the Student Media Advisory Board as presented.  <b>APPROVED Unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the changes to the standing committee meeting schedule as presented.  <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate agrees to act on behalf of UAS regarding the change in standing committee meeting schedules.  <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate approves the creation of the Equity and Inclusion Task Force.  <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>
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	<p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to approve the members nominated for the Equity and Inclusion Task Force as presented at the meeting.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to table further discussion on a Town-Gown Task force until the chair can speak with Pat Waring.</p> <p>There was discussion on the creation of a Campus Restaurant Task Force to investigate the feasibility of a sit-down restaurant on campus serving adult beverages, with a possible link to Campus Dining and which would possibly serve as an internship site for HTM students.</p> <p>f. Discussions to request in 2016-17 were discussed. Suggestions include: Budget (Brian Copeland), Benefits (Dave Smith), Bus Systems (Lisa Haynes), First Year Experience (Kristen Evans), Dean of Students (Eileen Sullivan), Campus Dining (Doug Wentworth), Update on LIFT (Phillip Batty), Distance Education (Maria Cimitile), General Education Assessment (Griff Griffin or Scott Berlin), Community Based Learning (CBL) Designation (Christine Rener), First Generation students (Christine Rener), I &amp; E new staff (Jesse Bernal).</p> <p>No Open Comments</p> <p>g. There was no discussion on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Senate responsibility for university committees</li> <li>- Meaning of Senate endorsement</li> <li>- Role of Senate in provost search</li> </ul> <p>These items will be scheduled as time allows at future meetings.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate approves the slate of nominees to the Equity and Inclusion Task Force as presented at the meeting. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate tables further discussion on a Town-Gown Task Force until the chair can speak with Pat Waring. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm	

