

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of March 23, 2018

Present: Yatin Bhagwat, Jon Bowman (Student Senate President), Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Kurt Fanning Brian Lakey, Claudia Leiras, Salvador Lopez-Arias, Amy McFarland (for Wendy Burns-Ardolino), Felix Ngassa (Chair), Tonya Parker, Chuck Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Samhita Rhodes, Georgette Sass, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel

Absent: George Lundskow

Ex Officio: Maria Cimitile, Ellen Schendel

Guests: Gabriele Gottlieb, Carol “Griff” Griffin, Rachel Jenkins (Student Senator), Sherril Soman

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of March 23, 2018 was reviewed.	The Agenda of March 23, 2018 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of March 16, 2018 were reviewed.	The Minutes of March 16, 2018 were approved, as corrected.
3. Report from Chair	<p>The Chair reported that the elections for Chair and Vice-Chair will occur on April 20. Please send nominations and statements to the senate assistant. He reported on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee membership and projected the website and announced Listening Sessions with the search firm are scheduled for April 12 and April 13.</p> <p>He further reported that GVSU is transitioning from Old Retirement Annuity and Supplemental Retirement Annuity contracts to a new TIAA Retirement Choice and Retirement Choice Plus contracts and announced the dates for the information sessions.</p> <p>He further reported that the New Programs Council met recently and announced the proposed meeting schedule and upcoming agenda items.</p>	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile reported that another edition of <i>Noteworthy</i> was distributed and outlines the restructuring of the Student Academic Success Center (SASC). She also reported on the budget, retention, and faculty salaries. Questions were addressed from the floor.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Bowman reported on the Student Senate elections that begin next week, and also reported on other actions taken in the past week.	

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6. Old Business	<p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to untable the request from the General Education Committee to change Faculty Handbook Language.</p> <p>Gabriele Gottlieb presented an overview of the request from the General Education Committee to change Faculty Handbook language that was distributed earlier, and identified changes made. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to add the following statement to FH Policy 2.04.C.5 as follows: If a proposal is rejected, the submitting unit is responsible for resubmitting the proposal. Appeals of CCC decisions should be made to the appropriate dean. Appeals of GEC decisions should be made to UCC. Appeals of the UCC decisions should be made to the Provost and furthermore, approves the GEC Memo on GEC Faculty Handbook Language as submitted with addition of the following phrase in item F. to remove a course from the General Education Program (see FH 2.04.C5 for appeals) with a recommendation to UAS.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate untables the GEC Faculty Handbook Language request. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports adding the following statement to FH Policy 2.04.C.5 as follows: If a proposal is rejected, the submitting unit is responsible for resubmitting the proposal. Appeals of CCC decisions should be made to the appropriate dean. Appeals of GEC decisions should be made to UCC. Appeals of the UCC decisions should be made to the Provost and furthermore, approves the GEC Memo on GEC Faculty Handbook Language as submitted with addition of the following phrase in item F. to remove a course from the General Education Program (see FH 2.04.C5 for appeals) with a recommendation to UAS. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
7. New Business	<p>a. Sherril Soman presented an overview of the Academic Calendar for 2018-19 that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Academic Calendar for 2018-19.</p> <p>b. Shawn Bultsma presented an overview of the Study of Fall Break (SOFAB) Task Force Report that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to extend the meeting for 10 minutes.</p> <p>Discussion on the various recommendations from SOFAB continued. An ECS meeting will be held on Friday, March 30 to continue the discussion on the SOFAB report, focusing on recommendations A through D.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Academic Calendar for 2018-2019. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate extends the meeting for 10 minutes. APPROVED Unanimously</p>

	Discussion on the Senate Bylaws Evaluation (SEBLEV) Task Force Initial Planning report for Spring/Summer Meeting will be heard on March 30.	
8. Adjournement	The meeting adjourned at 5:10pm	