

Grand Valley State University Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of April 20, 2018

Present: Yatin Bhagwat, Jon Bowman (Student Senate President 2017-18), Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Wendy Burns-Ardolino (2017-18), Kurt Fanning (2017-18), Brian Lakey, Claudia Leiras (2017-18), Salvador Lopez-Arias, George Lundskow, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Tonya Parker(2017-18), Chuck Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Samhita Rhodes, Georgette Sass, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel, Jon Hodge (2018-19), Courtney Karasinski (2018-19), Paul Sicilian (2018-19), Rachel Jenkin (Student Senate President 2018-19)

Absent: Melanie Shell-Weiss (2018-19)

Ex Officio: Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel, Ellen Schendel

Guests: Shelia Blackman, Gabriele Gottlieb, Carol “Griff” Griffin

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of April 20, 2018 was reviewed.	The Agenda of April 20, 2018 was approved
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of April 13, 2018 were reviewed.	The Minutes of April 13, 2018 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair announced the proposed calendar and upcoming agenda items, and announced the ECS Retreat dates (May 4 and July 30) and potential business items.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile reported that she attended a MASU meeting in Lansing and announced that GVSU Professor Deborah Harrington was awarded the Distinguished Professor award. She thanked the faculty senate for their work and expressed how much she enjoyed the year.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Rachel Jenkin reported that the first official meeting for 18-19 has been held and students assigned to various committees.	
6. New Business	a. Shelia Blackman presented an overview of the CLAS Curriculum Committee memo on General Education Courses that was distributed earlier. Discussion. b. The Chair thanked the senators whose terms expired and welcomed the new members to senate. c. The election for Senate Leadership for 2018-19 began with an announcement of nominations received for Chair – Felix Ngassa. Having	

	<p>no nominations from the floor, Dr. Ngassa was unanimously elected as chair for 2018-19.</p> <p>The election for Senate Leadership for 2018-19 continued with an announcement of nominations received for Vice Chair – Shawn Bultsma. Having no nominations from the floor, Dr. Bultsma was unanimously elected as Vice Chair for 2018-19.</p>	
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm	