

Grand Valley State University  
Executive Committee of the Senate  
Minutes of October 12, 2018

**Present:** Yatin Bhagwat, Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Jonathan Hodge, Rachel Jenkin (Student Senate President), Courtney Karasinski, Brian Lakey, Salvador Lopez-Arias, George Lundskow, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Charles Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Samhita Rhodes, Georgette Sass, Melanie Shell-Weiss, Paul Sicilian, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel

**Absent:**

**Ex Officio:** Ed Aboufadel, Suzeanne Benet, Ellen Schendel

**Guests:** Robert Adams, Travus Burton, Tom Butcher, Anne Jbarra, Kin Ma, Katelynn Rendi

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of October 12, 2018 was reviewed.	The Agenda of October 12, 2018 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of October 5, 2018 were reviewed.	The Minutes of October 5, 2018 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	<p>The Chair reminded senators of the Higher Learning Commission visit scheduled for November 5 and 6; the Teach-In scheduled for November 7 and 8. He reported that a White Paper addressing the creation of an Applied Computing Institute was discussed at the New Program Council where it was unanimously supported, and two Cyber Security proposals were approved as well.</p> <p>The upcoming schedule and proposed agenda items were presented. Questions were addressed from the floor.</p>	
4. Report from Provost	AVP Ed Aboufadel reported on behalf of Provost Cimitile who is attending a MASU meeting. He reported that the Affiliate Faculty received an email ancillary benefits and modified retirement benefits based on the work of the AFAC.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Jenkin reported on various initiatives underway in Student Senate including orientation meetings with incoming student senators. Ms. Jenkins further reported that she recently sat on a panel with Michigan's First Lady Sue Snyder regarding sexual assault. Other initiatives under way include Battle of the Valley's, supporting the change in Exam Scheduling, and a letter drive to Lansing to increase state funding for GVSU.	
6. New Business	<p>a. Tom Butcher and Anne Jbarra presented a summary of the Grounds and Facilities Use Policy that was distributed earlier with questions addressed from the floor. The Political Activity Policy was also summarized and discussed with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>b. Ed Aboufadel presented an overview of the Policies Working Group and Web Site Final Report that was distributed earlier.</p>	

	<p>c. Ed Aboufadel presented an overview of the Cleanup of Faculty Handbook for Regular Faculty: Additions and Subtractions that was distributed earlier. Discussion. Questions were addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Cleanup of Faculty Handbook for Regular Faculty: Additions and Subtractions as amended, and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>d. Robert Adams presented an overview of the OEC memo on changing OEC responsibilities that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the OEC memo on changing OEC responsibilities, and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>e. Robert Adams presented an overview of the UCC memo on changing UCC responsibilities that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the UCC memo on changing UCC responsibilities, and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>f. Travus Burton, Katelynn Rendi, and Kin Ma presented an overview of the Laker Effect Map that was distributed earlier and showed several highlights online. Questions were addressed from the floor.</p> <p>g. Suzeanne Benet presented an overview of the proposed Final Exam Schedule that was distributed earlier. Questions were addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the proposed Final Exam Schedule and forward to UAS with a recommendation of support.</p> <p>h. Felix Ngassa presented an overview of the material that was distributed earlier regarding the Task Force to Study and Propose University Development Plan for Future Leaders (U LEAD) at GVSU and led discussion on finalizing members of the task force. The list of proposed representatives to the task force were announced. Discussion.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Cleanup of Faculty Handbook for Regular Faculty: Additions and Subtractions as amended, and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the OEC memo on changing OEC responsibilities, and forwards to UAS with a recommendation to support. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the UCC memo on changing UCC responsibilities, and forwards to UAS with a recommendation to support. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the proposed Final Exam Schedule and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation of support. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>
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	<p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to extend the meeting by 5 minutes.</p> <p>A chair will be selected from the membership.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate extends the meeting by 5 minutes.  <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:09pm	