

Grand Valley State University Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of January 13, 2017

Present: Shawn Bultsma, Salvador Lopez-Arias, Danielle DeMuth (for Wendy Burns-Ardolino), Ella Fritzemeier (Student Senate President), Karen Gipson (Chair), Jon Hodge, Nancy Levenburg, George Lundskow, Felix Ngassa, Mary O’Kelly, Tonya Parker, Samhita Rhodes, James Sanford, Laura Stroik (for Melissa Tallman), Dan Vaughn, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel

Absent:

Ex Officio: Gayle Davis, Maria Cimitile

Guests: George McBane, Chuck Pazdernik

The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm and members introduced themselves.

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of January 13, 2017 was reviewed.	The Agenda of January 13, 2017 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of December 9, 2016 were reviewed.	The Minutes of December 9, 2016 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that the Provost’s search is underway and encouraged senators to attend as many of the sessions as possible. She also reminded the body that the Teach-In is scheduled for Thursday, January 19 and asked senators to volunteer as session hosting times as their schedules allow. She further reported that the UPLIFT Taskforce has been assembled with Tom Pentecost selected as chair. Additional representatives are being invited to the committee. Various questions were addressed from the floor, and the proposed schedule and upcoming agenda items were presented.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Davis reported that she just returned from an Academic Officers meeting in Lansing where numerous implications for universities were discussed. She further reported on the state budget and initiatives	

	underway at the Michigan Association of State Universities. Questions were addressed from the floor.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Fritzemeier reported that there was not a meeting this week due to the school closure. She announced that no resolutions were passed during the fall semester, and that Student Senate is preparing for elections.	

<p>6. New Business</p>	<p>a. Karen Gipson presented an overview of the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee memo regarding electronic voting that was distributed earlier. Discussion. <i>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u></i> to accept the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee memo regarding electronic voting that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>b. Karen Gipson presented an overview of the FPPC memo regarding ABD faculty that was distributed earlier. Brief discussion. <i>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u></i> to Table this item.</p> <p>c. George McBane presented an overview of the Academic Policies and Standards Committee memo on syllabi that was distributed earlier. Discussion. <i>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u></i> to support the Academic Policies and Standards Committee memo on syllabi and forward it to UAS with a recommendation of support.</p> <p>d. <i>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u></i> to table discussion on the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendations on service language</p> <p>e. Karen Gipson led a discussion on the final exam section of the Emergency Closing Policy that was distributed earlier. Various scenarios were discussed for consideration to aid in framing a charge to the Academic Policies and Standards committee. During discussion, a charge was crafted. <i>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u></i> to forward the charge to the Academic Policies and Standards Committee.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee memo regarding electronic voting. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate Tables this item. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Academic Policies and Standards Committee memo on syllabi and forward to UAS with a recommendation of support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate tables discussion on the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendations on service language. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the charge crafted during discussion to the Academic Policies and Standards Committee. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
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	<u>Open Comments</u> Blues and Brews event scheduled for January 28 to support the GVSU Children's Center.	
7. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 4:33PM.	