

Grand Valley State University
Executive Committee of the Senate
January 29, 2021

Online: Yatin Bhagwat, Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Tara Cornelius, Kelly Dowker (Student Senate President), Chris Haven, Courtney Karasinski, Salvador Lopez-Arias, Jared Moore, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Chuck Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Kathryn Remlinger, Georgette Sass, Anne Sergeant, Melanie Shell-Weiss, Agnieszka Szarecka, Joy Washburn

Absent:

Ex Officio: Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel, Chris Plouff

Guests: Tara Bivens (RH 2025 Steering Committee Co-Lead); Majd Al-Mallah (Faculty Representative to Steering Committee for RH 2025); Courtney Karasinski (Faculty Representative to Steering Committee of RH 2025); Jared Moore (Faculty Representative to Steering Committee of RH 2025); Karyn Rouborn (Faculty Representative to Steering Committee of RH 2025); Elizabeth Psyck (Faculty Representative to Steering Committee of RH 2025); Mark Schaub (RH 2025 Steering Committee Co-Lead); Janet Winter (RH 2025 Steering Committee Co-Lead).

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of January 29, 2021 was reviewed.	The Agenda of January 29, 2021 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of January 22, 2021 were reviewed.	The Minutes of January 22, 2021 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	Chair Ngassa reported on the upcoming schedule and proposed agenda items. He also reported on the move of the Masters in Athletic Training from CLAS to CHP as required by the accrediting body and initiated by faculty. Questions were addressed from the floor.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile reported on enrollment data for Winter 2021, and addressed questions from the floor.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Dowker reported on initiatives underway, including a resolution requesting a new centrally-located printer, a review of Student bylaws, and preparing for Student Senate week scheduled for February 22.	
6. New Business	<p>a. Members of the Reach Higher 2025 Steering Committee presented an overview of the processes underway, shared the updates to the website and addressed questions from the floor. There will be two faculty/staff huddles on February 25 and March 1.</p> <p>b. Chair Ngassa led discussion on the format and role of ECS members at the Faculty Forums of February 16 and 17 based on the material that was distributed earlier. Chris Haven, Salvador Lopez-Arias, and Melanie Shell-Weiss will craft action-based questions as</p>	

	<p>prompts for the Faculty Forums.</p> <p>c. Chair Ngassa presented an overview of Academic Governance BOT 3.1.4 and ECS & UAS Faculty Membership that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made, seconded and approved</u> by consensus to extend the meeting for 15 minutes.</p> <p>During Open Comments, a question was asked regarding the new variant of COVID-19 and addressed by AVP Aboufadel who serves on the Virus Action Team (VAT).</p>	
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:15pm	