

# Grand Valley State University Executive Committee of the Senate

## Minutes of February 3, 2017

- Present:** Christine Beaudoin (for Tonya Parker), Shawn Bultsma, Salvador Lopez-Arias, Danielle DeMuth (for Wendy Burns-Ardolino), Sean O’Melia (for Student Senate President), Karen Gipson (Chair), Nancy Levenburg, George Lundskow, Felix Ngassa (Vice Chair), Mary O’Kelly, Samhita Rhodes, James Sanford, Melissa Tallman (for Chuck Pazdernik), Dan Vaughn, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel
- Absent:** Jon Hodge
- Ex Officio:** Gayle Davis, Ed Aboufadel, Suzeanne Benet, Maria Cimitile, Kathy Gulembo
- Guests:** Shirley Fleischmann, Doug Graham, George McBane, Marie McKendall, Jeff Musser, Chuck Pazdernik, Matt Ruen, Scott Richardson, Walter Schaub, Ellen Schendel

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of February 3, 2017 was reviewed.	The Agenda of February 3, 2017 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of January 20, 2016 were reviewed.	The Minutes of January 20, 2017 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that she has received numerous responses about the affirmation of inclusion letter that went out on Monday. She also reported that the Faculty Awards Convocation was held yesterday; several ECS members received awards and Provost Davis was recognized for her commitment to shared governance. Upcoming agenda items and schedule were presented.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Davis thanked Karen and Felix for the honor received at the Faculty Awards Convocation yesterday. She reported that her office is working on budget projections for next year.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate Vice President Sean O’Melia reported on behalf of Student Senate President Fritzemeier. He reported that Student Senate is working on advocating for more state funding and requesting that syllabi are posted on department websites.	

<p>6. New Business</p>	<p>a. Matt Ruen presented an overview of a letter distributed earlier on faculty concerns in response to President Trump’s Executive Order (EO) regarding immigration. During discussion, various suggestions were made on how to address the concerns and possible actions going forward.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to charge the Equity and Inclusion Task Force with an expeditious review of the suggestions made at this meeting and to empower the EITF to take actions and/or to make recommendations for Senate action on the following suggestions: (a) a strong statement of support for colleagues and students directly impacted by the EO; (b) personal outreach to such individuals; (c) consideration of necessary adjustments to faculty personnel policies for faculty who are unable to travel; (d) a statement decrying the use of violence; (e) setting up Town Hall meetings with legislators (Stabenow, Peters, Amash, Huizenga).</p> <p>b. Scott Richardson gave a presentation on the university budget and distributed material for review. Questions were addressed from the floor.</p> <p>c. George McBane deferred making the presentation until a later date due to errors in the memo that was distributed.</p> <p>d. Student Senator Walter Schaub had departed during the budget presentation, so there was no discussion on the Student Senate request for Syllabi on department websites.</p> <p>e. Marie McKendall presented an overview of the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee memo regarding ABD faculty. Karen Gipson communicated the concerns she’d received from the deans of SCB and PCEC. Discussion.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate charges the Equity and Inclusion Task Force with an expeditious review of the suggestions made at this meeting and to empowers the EITF to take action and/or make recommendations for Senate action on these suggestions.</p> <p><b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>
------------------------	--	---

	f. No discussion on the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee memo regarding service.	
7. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.	