

Grand Valley State University
Executive Committee of the Senate
Minutes of February 7, 2020

Present: Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Courtney Karasinski, Brian Lakey, Salvador Lopez-Arias, George Lundskow, Jared Moore, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Charles Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Kathryn Remlinger, Georgette Sass, Anne Sergeant, Brent Smith (for Melanie Shell-Weiss), Paul Sicilian, Eric-John Szczepaniak (Student Senate President), Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel

Absent:

Ex Officio: Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel, Ellen Schendel

Guests: Salvatore Alaimo, Andrew Topper

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of February 7, 2020 was reviewed.	The Agenda of February 7, 2020 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of January 24, 2020 were reviewed.	The Minutes of January 24, 2020 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that the Board of Trustees met today. He reminded the senate of the call for material to include in the annual newsletter. He further reported on upcoming events, including: the 13 th Annual Faculty Convocation; Conversations with the Provost; and the Roger That! event on February 14 and 15. The proposed future agenda and calendar items were presented.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile reported on the items approved at the Board of Trustees meeting this morning and further reported that all the board members received a signed copy of "The Vexations" by faculty member Caitlin Horrocks, and noted that the book has been widely acclaimed. She also reported that the Faculty Convocation on February 11 will have a jazz ensemble comprised of GV faculty members.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Szczepaniak reported on various upcoming events, including the honorary degrees to be given at the April commencement; GVSU Wellness Fair; mental health awareness Care Fair; the February 20 Active Citizen Celebration. He further reported on the Laker of the Year award and SAFE awards presented at the President's Ball.	
6. Old Business	a. Felix Ngassa led discussion on the design of a faculty survey on faculty governance committees and meaningful service. The senators who volunteered to design the survey are Courtney Karasinski, Salvador Lopez-Arias, George Lundskow, and Georgette Sass, with Shawn Bultsma serving as consultant. The purpose of the survey will be crafted by the four volunteers and shared at a future meeting.	
7. New Business	a. Andrew Topper presented an overview of the faculty survey proposal	

	<p>recommendation regarding climate change action at GVSU that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>b. Salvatore Alaimo presented an overview of the material on the role of faculty in course content and pedagogy that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>c. Eric-John Szcapaniak presented an overview of the Student Senate Resolution on Syllabi Listing on Website that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Student Senate Resolution asking the appropriate committee to study and make recommendations regarding a proposed university requirement that all faculty syllabi will be posted on the web.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made, seconded</u> and unanimously supported to adjourn at 4:58pm.</p> <p>d. The Student Senate Resolution on Student Perception Survey was postponed to a later date.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Student Senate Resolution asking the appropriate committee to study and make recommendations regarding a proposed university requirement that all faculty syllabi will be posted on the web.</p> <p>Motion FAILED 9 No; 8 Yes</p>
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:58pm	