

Grand Valley State University  
Executive Committee of the Senate Meeting  
**Minutes of February 25, 2022**

- Present:** Yatin Bhagwat, Tara Corneilus, Scarlet Galvan, Chris Haven, Courtney Karasinski (Vice Chair), Salvador Lopez-Arias, Anne McKay (for Susan Harrington), Jared Moore, Autumn Mueller (Student Senate President), Felix Ngassa (Chair), Chuck Pazdernik, Karyn Rabourn, Anne Sergeant, Agnieszka Szarecka, Robert Talbert, Lissa Tallman
- Absent:** Andrew Schlewitz (for Amy McFarland)
- Ex Officio:** Chris Plouff, Ed Aboufadel, Suzeanne Benet, Sonia Dalmia
- Guests:** Jennifer Cymbola (Chair of AFAC; Standing Invitation to Attend ECS Meetings); Doug Graham (VAT); Julie Henderleiter (Chair of UAC); Raymond Higbea (Chair of APSC); Ben Holder (VAT); Dave Huizen (VAT)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of February 25, 2022 was reviewed.	The Agenda of February 25, 2022 was approved as amended.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of February 18, 2022 were reviewed.	The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of February 18, 2022 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	Chair Ngassa encouraged faculty to submit an article and headshot for the 2022 Newsletter “Adapting to Change and Reaching Higher Together” by March 31. He will send an email with possible prompts for articles. He further presented the upcoming calendar and proposed agenda items. The ECS meeting on March 25 is expected to be hybrid.	
4. Report from Provost	AVP Aboufadel reported on behalf of the Provost. He noticed that various face-to-face events are again being offered as seen on bulletin boards across campus. He further reported that the most recent edition of “Noteworthy” discussed student attendance and engagement. He also reported that a conversation with Fiona Hill on Russia, Ukraine and American Democracy is scheduled for March 1.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Mueller provided an update on Student Senate activities including attending the Student Governance Association in Michigan held at University of Michigan – Flint. She also noted that they hosted Student Senate Week and are working on various legislation. Questions were addressed from the floor.	
6. Old Business	a. A <u>motion was made, seconded and agreed by consensus</u> to untable discussion on the Academic Policies and Standards Committee recommendation on Policy Proposal for National Election Day.	<b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate accept the Academic Policies and Standards Committee recommendation on Policy Proposal for

	<p>Discussion ensued with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the Academic Policies and Standards Committee recommendation on Policy Proposal for National Election Day and put on the 2022 retreat agenda.</p>	<p>National Election Day and put on the 2022 retreat agenda.  <b>APPROVED 13 YES; 0 NO; 0 Abstain</b></p>
<p>7. New Business</p>	<p>a. Raymond Higbea presented an overview of APSC recommendation on Repository for Syllabi that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the report and put on the agenda for the 2022 retreat, and review this for crafting an additional charge that takes implementation into account.</p> <p>b. Raymond Higbea presented and overview of the APSC recommendation on Rescheduling Exams During Finals Week that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the APSC report on Rescheduling Exams During Finals Week and thank the APSC for their work.</p> <p>c. Raymond Higbea presented an overview of the APSC recommendation on Test-Optional Admissions Procedures that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to receive the APSC report on Test-Optional Admissions Procedures with no futher action warranted.</p> <p>d. The LIFT-MC recommendation on Leadership and Succession Planning w that was distributed earlier was reviewed. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to place this on the UAS agenda pending revisions to be communicated to back the committee.</p> <p>e. Jennifer Cymbola presented an overview of the AFAC Memo on Leadership and Succession Planning that was distributed earlier.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the report and put on the agenda for the 2022 retreat, and review this for crafting an additional charge that takes implementation into account.  <b>APPROVED 12 YES; 2 NO; 0 Abstain</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the APSC report on Rescheduling Exams During Finals Week and thanks the APSC for their work.  <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate receive the APSC report on Test-Optional Admissions Procedures with no futher action warranted.  <b>APPROVED 14 YES; 1 NO; Abstain</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate places this on the UAS agenda pending revisions to be communicated to back the committee.  <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the AFAC Memo on Leadership and Succession Planning and forwards it to UAS with a</p>

	<p>Discussion.</p> <p><u>A motion was made and seconded</u> to support the AFAC Memo on Leadership and Succession Planning and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>f. Julie Henderleiter presented an update of the UAC recommendation on Update on Co-Curricular and Advising Task Force that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>g. Julie Henderleiter presented an overview of the UAC recommendation on the update to the Self-study Process that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>h. AVP Aboufadel presented an update on the COVID situation and shared what neighboring colleges and universities are doing. Questions were addresses from the floor.</p> <p><u>A motion was made, seconded and agreed by consensus</u> to extend the meeting by five minutes.</p> <p>i. Raymond Higbea presented an overview of the APSC recommendation on Course Withdrawal Policy for Winter 2022 that was distributed earlier. Disussion.</p> <p><u>A motion was made and seconded</u> to act on behalf of UAS and support the APSC recommendation on Course Withdrawal Policy for Winter 2022.</p>	<p>recommendation to support. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate, acting on behalf of UAS, supports the APSC recommendation on Course Withdrawal Policy for Winter 2022. <b>APPROVED 14 YES; 1 NO; 0 ABSTAIN</b></p>
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:06pm	