

Grand Valley State University
Executive Committee of the Senate
February 26, 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, Christine Rener, Ellen Schendel

Guests: Doug Graham (Member of VAT); Dave Huizen (Member of VAT); John Lipford (Chair of AFAC)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of February 26, 2021 was reviewed.	The Agenda of February 26, 2021 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of February 19, 2021 were reviewed.	The Minutes of February 19, 2021 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	Chair Ngassa shared the proposed schedule and upcoming agenda items.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile reported that the Board of Trustees met today and approved four new programs, as well as changes to affiliate language.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Dowker reported on various initiatives underway in Student Senate and reported that they gave a presentation at the Board of Trustees meeting.	
6. New Business	<p>a. Provost Cimitile framed the discussion on long-term course modalities and AVP Schendel provided an overview of the process that is underway. Senators shared their views and experiences, with Chair Ngassa urging senators to submit their experiences as an article for the UAS newsletter.</p> <p>b. The Virus Action Team (VAT) members were thanked for their work. AVP Aboufadel provided an update from the Virus Action Team Town Hall on COVID-19 and vaccine planning, and shared a powerpoint. Questions were addressed from the floor.</p> <p>c. John Lipford presented an overview of the AFAC recommendation on Affiliate Faculty Representation on ECS/UAS that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p>	MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate receives the AFAC report and will create a task force over the summer to review.

	<p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to receive the AFAC report and create a task force over the summer to review.</p> <p>d. Chair Ngassa led a debrief of the Faculty Forums held on February 16 and February 17. Discussion.</p>	<p>APPROVED 14 Yes; 1 No; 1 Abstain</p>
<p>7. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 5:01pm</p>	