

Grand Valley State University Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of March 3, 2017

- Present:** Shawn Bultsma, Salvador Lopez-Arias, Ella Fritzemeier (Student Senate President), Karen Gipson (Chair), Jon Hodge, Nancy Levenburg, George Lundskow, Julia Mason (for Danielle DeMuth), Felix Ngassa (Vice Chair), Mary O’Kelly, Tonya Parker, Samhita Rhodes, Melissa Tallman, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel
- Absent:** Jim Sanford, Dan Vaughn
- Ex Officio:** Ed Aboufadel, Kathy Gulembo, Bob Smart
- Guests:** Marty Abramson, Robert Adams, Robert Deaner, George McBane, Chuck Pazdernik

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of March 3, 2017 was reviewed.	The Agenda of March 3, 2017 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of February 17, 2017 were reviewed.	The Minutes of February 17, 2017 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that the elections for 2017-18 chair and vice chair will be held at the last meeting of ECS on April 21, 2017. The Vice Chair reported on the New Program Council meeting which discussed restructuring the College of Education. Questions were addressed from the floor. The Chair presented upcoming agenda items and schedule.	
4. Report from Provost	Ed Aboufadel reported in the absence of the Provost. He reported that 67 sabbaticals were approved this year; Kathy Gulembo reported that 76 were submitted. An update on the classroom door lock installation was presented, and it was noted that emergency placards are being installed in all classrooms with emergency contact information.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Fritzemeier reported that a police week is planned for the week after spring break. She provided updates on the work of Student Senate, including recognizing two students who saved a woman from a burning car. She also noted that Student Senate elections are coming up.	

<p>6. Old Business</p>	<p>a. Discussion was heard on the intent of <i>Faculty Handbook</i> language at 2.01.A.1.a.ii that was distributed earlier regarding academic organization.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to add the word “<i>reorganization</i>” to the list of items in the <i>Faculty Handbook</i> related to academic organization and to forward this change to UAS with a recommendation for approval. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to continue conversation on <i>Faculty Handbook</i> language at 2.01.A.1.a.ii regarding academic organization at the ECS summer retreat.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports adding the word “<i>reorganization</i>” to the list of items in the <i>Faculty Handbook</i> related to academic organization and to forward this change to UAS with a recommendation for approval. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports continuing conversation on <i>Faculty Handbook</i> language at 2.01.A.1.a.ii regarding academic organization at the ECS summer retreat. APPROVED with 1 Nay and 1 Abstention</p>
<p>7. New Business</p>	<p>a. Nominees to serve on the Academic Review Committee were presented. Discussion was heard on whether representatives need to be tenured. The names of nominees will be forwarded to Provost Davis.</p> <p>b. George McBane presented an overview of the recommendations from the Academic Policies and Standards Committee regarding credit by examination that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to change membership by removing “a representative of Provost Cabinet” and adding “the chair of UCC (or designate).”</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the recommendations from the Academic Policies and Standards Committee regarding credit by examination as amended and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports changing membership by removing “a representative of Provost Cabinet” and adding “the chair of UCC (or designate).” APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the recommendations from the Academic Policies and Standards Committee regarding credit by examination as amended, and forwards to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p>

	<p>c. Robert Deaner presented an overview of the University Sabbatical Review Committee recommendations regarding revisions to sabbatical language that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p><u>A Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the University Sabbatical Review Committee recommendations regarding revisions to sabbatical language and forwards to University Academic Senate with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>d. Robert Adams presented an overview of the University Curriculum Committee recommendation regarding the numbering system for study abroad that was distributed earlier.</p> <p><u>A Motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the University Curriculum Committee recommendation regarding the numbering system for study abroad and thanks the University Curriculum Committee for their work.</p> <p>e. Robert Adams presented an overview of the Online Education Council recommendation regarding the future of OEC that was distributed earlier.</p> <p><u>A Motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the recommendation of the Online Education Council regarding the future of OEC.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the University Sabbatical Review Committee recommendations regarding revisions to sabbatical language and forwards to University Academic Senate with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accept the University Curriculum Committee recommendation regarding the numbering system for study abroad and thanks the University Curriculum Committee for their work. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the recommendation of the Online Education Council recommendation regarding the future of the Online Education Council. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
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	<p>f. Karen Gipson presented an overview of the UAS faculty count revision that was distributed earlier.</p> <p><u>A Motion was made and seconded</u> to add “<i>The faculty in each college will be based on head count rather than FTE.</i>” Discussion.</p> <p><u>A Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the faculty count revision language as amended and forward to University Academic Senate with recommendation to support. Discussion.</p> <p>g. Karen Gipson presented an overview of the University Personnel Review Committee language for inclusion in the Faculty Handbook that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p><u>A Motion was made and seconded</u> to refer back to Ed Aboufadel to replace the improvisational nature of personnel policy changes with a formal process that involves a charge to FPPC via ECS.</p> <p>Open comments included a request to not meet the Friday before the university spring break. Suggestions for summer retreat agenda can be emailed to the chair.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports adding “<i>The faculty in each college will be based on head count rather than FTE.</i>” APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the faculty count revision language as amended and forwards to University Academic Senate with recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate refers this back to Ed Aboufadel to replace the improvisational nature of personnel policy changes with a formal process that involves a charge to FPPC via ECS. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:54pm.	