

Grand Valley State University  
Executive Committee of the Senate  
**March 5 2021**

**Online:** Yatin Bhagwat, Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Tara Cornelius, Chris Haven, Courtney Karasinski, Salvador Lopez-Arias, Lauren Moine (Student Senate Vice President) 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, Jen Drake, Chris Plouff, Ellen Schendel

**Guests:**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action / Decision</b>
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of March 5, 2021 was reviewed.	The Agenda of March 5, 2021 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of February 26, 2021 were reviewed.	The Minutes of February 26, 2021 were approved
3. Report from Chair	Chair Ngassa reported on the proposed schedule and upcoming agenda items.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile reported that at the last Board of Trustees meeting President Mantella announced the new K-12 Connect initiative as a way to provide experiential learning for our students by giving them the opportunity to tutor younger students. Questions were addressed from the floor.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate Vice President Lauren Moine reported that the State of the Student Body address will be later this month. She further reported that the election process has been launched, and asked that faculty encourage their students to run for a seat on student senate.	
6. New Business	<p>a. Lengthy discussion was heard on the Faculty Forums that were held on Feb. 16 and Feb. 17 and a variety of suggestions were made on ways to improve communication, inclusivity, consistency of messages between/within colleges and streaming future UAS meetings.</p> <p>b. Lengthy discussion was heard on the ECS/UAS Relationship to Program Review.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> that ECS approves the following statement and places it on the UAS agenda with a recommendation to support: <i>“Consistent with the principle that the UAS shares</i></p>	

	<p><i>responsibility for formulating policies and procedures to guide decision-making in the three specified areas of curriculum, academic organization, and faculty personnel policy, and exercises that responsibility by voting to make recommendations to the Provost, it is appropriate for proposals originating from the program review process initiated by the Provost to be referred to the ECS, which will address them in conformity with established rules and procedures.”</i></p> <p>Further discussion.</p> <p>It was agreed by consensus to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.</p> <p>Discussion continued.</p> <p>It was agreed by consensus to extend the meeting by 5 minutes.</p> <p>A friendly amendment was made to the initial motion that “Consistent with ECS and UAS bylaws, it is appropriate for proposals originating from the program review process initiated by the Provost to be referred to the ECS, for process review, which will address them in conformity with established rules and procedures.”</p> <p>Both motions were withdrawn from consideration. Discussion will resume at next ECS meeting.</p>	
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:20pm	