

Grand Valley State University Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of March 17, 2017

- Present:** Marty Abramson (for Shawn Bultsma), Salvador Lopez-Arias, Danielle DeMuth (for Wendy Burns-Ardolino), Ella Fritzeimer (Student Senate President), Karen Gipson (Chair), Jon Hodge, Nancy Levenburg, George Lundskow, Felix Ngassa (Vice Chair), Mary O’Kelly, Tonya Parker, Samhita Rhodes, Melissa Tallman (for Chuck Pazdernik), Dan Vaughn, Joy Washburn
- Absent:** Jim Sanford, Deana Weibel
- Ex Officio:** Ed Aboufadel, Gayle Davis, Maria Cimitile, Kathy Gulembo, Chris Plouff, Jeffrey Potteiger
- Guests:** Robert Adams, Andrea Bostrom, Carol Griffin, Monica Johnstone, Mark Luttenton, 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 17, 2017 was reviewed.	The Agenda of March 17, 2017 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of March 3, 2017 were reviewed.	The Minutes of March 3, 2017 were amended at Old Business, 6.a.to include “ <i>and to forward this change to UAS with a recommendation for approval</i> ” as part of the motion.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that the elections for Chair and Vice Chair will be held on April 21. Senators interested in either position can send their statements to the Senate Assistant by April 14; nominations will also be accepted from the floor. A proposed schedule and upcoming agenda items were announced.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Davis announced that she has hired Bonnie Bowen to replace Kathy Gulembo, who is retiring. Maria Cimitile and Chris Plouff reported on a new curricular approval process for the Board of Trustees and Higher Learning Commission. Discussion was heard and questions were addressed from the floor.	

<p>5. Report from Student Senate</p>	<p>Student Senate President Fritzemeier reported on the work of Student Senate over the past several weeks including her testifying before the legislature. She announced that next week is Mental Health Week, with a variety of events planned. She further announced several resolutions will be voted on soon. Questions were addressed from the floor.</p>	
<p>6. New Business</p>	<p>a. Andrea Bostrom presented an overview of the revised Graduate Council Bylaws that were distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the changes to the Graduate Council Bylaws as presented and forward to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>b. Andrea Bostrom presented an overview of the Graduate Admission Policy that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Graduate Admission Policy as presented and forward to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>c. Andrea Bostrom presented an overview of the Award of a Graduate Degree material that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Award of a Graduate Degree material as presented and forward to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>d. Chris Plouff presented an overview of the Quality Initiative Report that was distributed earlier. Carol Griffin provided additional information related to the General Education program. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the Quality Initiative Report and express appreciation for the efforts and forward to UAS for</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the changes to the Graduate Council Bylaws as presented and forwards to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Graduate Admission Policy as presented and forwards to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Award of a Graduate Degree material as presented and forwards it to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the Quality Initiative Report and expresses appreciation for the efforts and forwards to the University Academic Senate for further consideration.</p>

	<p>further consideration.</p> <p>e. Chris Plouff presented an overview of the Undergraduate Learning Outcomes material that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Undergraduate Learning Outcomes as presented and forward to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>f. Monica Johnstone presented an overview of the Accessibility Taskforce Final Report that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Accessibility Taskforce Final Report as presented and forwards to the Equity and Inclusion Committee for further consideration in Fall 2017.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to distribute the Accessibility Taskforce Final Report to the University Academic Senate as an FYI item.</p> <p>During Open Comments, Chuck Pazdernik noted that the term “endorsed by ECS” should be more fully defined.</p>	<p>APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Undergraduate Learning Outcomes as presented and forwards to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Accessibility Taskforce Final Report as presented and forwards to the Equity and Inclusion Committee for further consideration in Fall 2017. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate will distribute the Accessibility Taskforce Final Report to the University Academic Senate as an FYI Item. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.	