

**Grand Valley State University  
Executive Committee of the Senate  
Minutes of April 19, 2019**

**Present:** Yatin Bhagwat, Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Kurt Fanning (19-20), Jonathan Hodge, Tara Kneeshaw (for Deana Weibel), Brian Lakey, Salvador Lopez-Arias, Jared Moore (19-20), Felix Ngassa (Chair), Charles Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Samhita Rhodes, Jeffrey Rothstein (for George Lundskow, Georgette Sass, Jody Vogelzang (for Courtney Karasinski), Melanie Shell-Weiss, Paul Sicilian, Joy Washburn

**Absent:** Student Senate President

**Ex Officio:** Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel

**Guests:** Matthew Hart, Thomas Pentecost, Christine Rener, Matt Ruen

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action / Decision</b>
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of April 19, 2019 was reviewed.	The Agenda of April 19, 2019 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of April 12, 2019 were reviewed.	The Minutes of April 12, 2019 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported there is a year-end reception immediately following the UAS meeting. He also announced the ECS Retreat dates are scheduled for May 3 and July 30 and identified possible business items.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile reported that she has approved a request for a name change from Liberal Studies to Integrative Religious and Intercultural Studies. She further reported that over the summer the sabbatical language in the Board of Trustees Policies will be refined and moved into the Shared Governance Faculty Handbook Policies; other areas will be adjusted as necessary. She thanked the faculty senate for their work and expressed how much she enjoyed working with them over the year. Questions were addressed from the floor.	
5. Report from Student Senate	No report.	
6. New Business	<p>a. Matthew Hart presented an overview of the FTLCAC Pilot Peer Observation Proposal that was distributed earlier. Discussion and questions addressed from the floor. During discussion, a recommendation was made to place a statement on each page with a disclaimer that this is solely a pilot program. The Chair asked for senators to send him any comments received by their colleagues for compilation.</p> <p>b. Thomas Pentecost and Matthew Ruen presented an overview of the OER-ACM Task Force Final Report that was distributed earlier. The task force was thanked for their work. Questions were addressed from the floor.</p>	

	<p>c. Chair Ngassa thanked the senators whose terms expired and welcomed the new members to the Executive Committee of the Senate.</p> <p>d. The election for Senate Leadership for 2019-20 began with an announcement of nominations received for Chair – Felix Ngassa. Having no nominations from the floor, Dr. Ngassa was unanimously elected as chair for 2019-20.</p> <p>The election for Senate Leadership for 2019-20 continued with an announcement of nominations received for Vice Chair – Shawn Bultsma. Having no nominations from the floor, Dr. Bultsma was unanimously elected as Vice Chair for 2019-20.</p> <p>During Open Comments, Provost Cimitile was asked about the challenges she foresees in the upcoming year.</p>	
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 3:51pm	