

Grand Valley State University
Executive Committee of the Senate
Minutes of June 5, 2020

Online: Yatin Bhagwat, Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Tara Cornelius, 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, Eric-John Szczepaniak (Student Senate President), Joy Washburn

Absent:

Ex Officio: Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel, Fred Antczak Suzeanne Benet, Bonnie Bowen, Chris Plouff, Mark Schaub, Ellen Schendel, Robert Smart

Guests: Marie McKendall

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm.

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of June 5, 2020 was reviewed.	The Agenda of June 5, 2020 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	No Minutes	
3. Report from Chair	Chair Ngassa provided an overview of the planned work for ECS over the summer and the retreat scheduled for August 10.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile provided budget and enrollment updates. She noted that the allocation from the State of Michigan is expected to be between 10-30% lower than previous years. She further reported that all areas are looking at reductions/realignment /reorganization except for Enrollment Development which houses IT, and noted various cost saving measures under consideration. Questions were addressed from the floor.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Szczepaniak reported that he is working with Faculty Governance Leadership and the Dean of Students Office to strategize ways to elect the students who are interested in certain committees and streamline how they are appointed.	
6. New Business	<p>a. Marie McKendall, Chair of the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC) presented an overview of the FPPC-approved temporary policy recommendation for remote voting for personal action in Fall 2020 that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to act on behalf of UAS in supporting the FPPC recommendation for remote voting for personal action in Fall 2020 and Winter 2021 as presented.</p>	<p>MOTON: The Executive Committee of the Senate will act on behalf of UAS in supporting the FPPC recommendation for remote voting for personal action in Fall 2020 and Winter 2021 as presented.</p> <p>APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>.</p>

	<p>b. Chair Ngassa facilitated discussion on the workload shift and its implication on review of Faculty Activity Reports (FARS), Contract Renewal and Tenure/Promotion. Various concerns were expressed, including: how baseline expectations for research will change; LIFT evaluations; acknowledging how COVID19 impacted faculty, especially women and faculty of color; and protecting faculty with upcoming personnel decisions. During discussion it was agreed that ECS will charge FPPC with developing a set of guidelines for assessing the impact of the Covid-19 shutdown on the personnel process, especially those up for promotion & tenure. Additional comments can be sent to Chair Ngassa.</p> <p>c. Chuck Pazdernik raised a concern about what type of ECS involvement and engagement should occur during Spring / Summer 2020. Discussion. It was agreed that ECS will be scheduled every two weeks from 3-5pm and can be cancelled if there are no urgent items to address.</p>	
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:37pm	