

Grand Valley State University  
Executive Committee of the Senate  
Minutes of June 26, 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, Melanie Shell-Weiss, Agnieszka Szarecka, Eric-John Szczepaniak (Student Senate President), Joy Washburn

**Absent:** Anne Sergeant

**Ex Officio:** Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel, Suzanne Benet, Chris Plouff, Ellen Schendel

**Guests:** Bob Hollister

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

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of June 26, 2020 was reviewed.	The Agenda of June 26, 2020 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of June 19, 2020 ECS Special Meeting were reviewed.	The Minutes of June 19, 2020 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that the charge for the Senate Chair and Vice Chair to meet with President Mantella, Provost Cimitile and FSBC chair has been completed, and provided an update. He further reported that the first meeting of the Network of Advisors for Racial Equity met with co-leaders of Kerri Becker, Jesse Bernal and George Grant. Discussion and questions addressed from the floor.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile reported on the meeting with President Mantella and Faculty Governance Leadership. She further reported that University Communicaitons will contact Faculty Governance leaders to increase faculty voice in internal/external communications. Provost Cimitile provided an update on the budget and Board of Trustees meeting. She noted that instead of approving a budget for AY 2020-21, the Board of Trustees approved a continuation of the budget at 90% of AY2019-20; finalization and approval of AY 2020-21 budget will be made at the November meeting. Questions were addressed from the floor. Provost Cimitile further reported on the issue of teaching load and reiterated that a 4-4 teaching load will not be made across the board, but rather at the unit level. Additional information is on the Provost's Office website. Questions were addressed from the floor.	
5. Report from Student Senate	There was no report from Student Senate President Szczepaniak.	
6. Old Business	a. Ed Aboufadel led discussion on GVSU preparation for Fall 2020, presented information from the Incident Management Team (IMT). Questions were addressed from the floor.	

	<p>b. Chair Ngassa shared information from GVNext and led discussion on the Academic Calendar for Fall 2020.</p> <p>c. Suzeanne Benet led discussion on Guidelines for Student Absence/Attendance for Fall 2020 and answered questions from the floor. She was asked to provide a list of questions to send to APSC as a charge to come up with possible solutions to the questions.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to extend the meeting for 20 minutes.</p> <p>d. There was discussion on the FSBC COVID response recommendations that was distributed earlier, and questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>e. No discussion on the UPRC recommendation on combining Tenure and Promotion.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate extends the ECS meeting for 20 minutes.  <b>APPROVED by Consensus</b></p>
7. New Business	<p>a. Felix Ngassa led discussion on Academic Policies and COVID 19 with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to refer the discussion of continuation of the temporary Academic Policies surrounding COVID-19 from Winter 2020 to the Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) for consideration of their continuation for Spring, Summer 2020 and Fall 2020 with a request for recommendations that may be deemed appropriate in the spirit of flexibility.</p> <p>The Chair will include the questions provided by AVP Benet as potential items for APSC to address.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of Senate refers the discussion of continuation of the temporary Academic Policies surrounding COVID-19 from Winter 2020 to the Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) for consideration of their continuation for Spring, Summer 2020 and Fall 2020 with a request for recommendations that may be deemed appropriate in the spirit of flexibility.  <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:21pm	

