

Grand Valley State University  
Executive Committee of the Senate Special Meeting  
**Minutes of July 8, 2021**

**Present:** Yatin Bhagwat, Tara Corneilus, Susan Harrington, Chris Haven, Courtney Karasinski (Vice Chair), Salvador Lopez-Arias, Amy McFarland, Jared Moore, Autumn Mueller (Student Senate President), Felix Ngassa (Chair), Chuck Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Karyn Rabourn, Anne Sergeant, Agnieszka Szarecka, Robert Talbert, Lissa Tallman

**Absent:**

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

**Guests:** None

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of July 8, 2021 was reviewed.	The Agenda of July 8, 2021 was approved with item 6.d. added.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of ECS Special Meeting of June 17, 2021 were reviewed.	The Minutes of June 17, 2021 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported on the upcoming schedule and noted that the meeting on July 29 will be face-to-face on the Health Campus, and that the retreat on August 12 will be face-to-face as well. He further reported that ECS/UAS will partner with the Pew FTLC in hosting the fall conference on Wednesday, August 25.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile shared that she will be available to consult with after she leaves her role. She reported on enrollment data for fall, and addressed questions from the floor.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Mueller reported that Student Senate is gearing up for fall and briefly highlighted work done over the summer.	
6. New Business	<p>a. Discussion was heard on institutionalizing affiliate representation on ECS/UAS, with Chuck Pazdernik providing highlights from the last ECS meeting and the specific request(s) from the Affiliate Faculty Advisory Committee (AFAC). The Task Force is asking for clarification of their charge; discussion will continue at the next ECS meeting on July 29.</p> <p>b. Discussion was heard on meeting modality options for Faculty Governance Committees for 2021-2022, with Chair Ngassa sharing the following statement for discussion: <i>“On behalf of the X Committee, which supports the use of hybrid and online modalities and technologies, we respectfully request that standing committees be encouraged to utilize whatever meeting modality best supports each committee’s work during the upcoming AY (and beyond).”</i> The Chair and</p>	

	<p>Vice Chair will craft a final statement for distribution to committee chairs.</p> <p>c. Discussion was heard on the survey sent to ECS/UAS and subsequent report by Ben Holder, with questions addressed from the floor related to returning to campus and the status of vaccinations and mask-mandates.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made, seconded and approved by consensus</u> to extend the meeting by 30 minutes.</p> <p>Discussion continued regarding incentives to get students vaccinated, wearing face masks and returning to campus, with additional questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>d. Discussion was heard on the transition of leadership prior to a new provost being named with Chair Ngassa providing an overview of the composition of the Search Committee, which he serves on as co-Chair along with Paul Stansbie. Senators shared their concerns related to the search process. The Chair noted that there is a meeting on Friday with the Search Committee to talk about how the search will be conducted.</p>	
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:45p	