

Grand Valley State University
Executive Committee of the Senate Special Meeting
Minutes of July 29, 2021

- Present:** Yatin Bhagwat, Tara Corneilus, Susan Harrington, Courtney Karasinski (Vice Chair), Jared Moore, Autumn Mueller (Student Senate President), Felix Ngassa (Chair), Chuck Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Karyn Rouborn, Anne Sergeant, Agnieszka Szarecka, Robert Talbert, Lissa Tallman
- Absent:** Chris Haven, Salvador Lopez-Arias, Amy McFarland
- Ex Officio:** Maria Cimitile, Chris Plouff, Ellen Schendel
- Guests:** Tara Bivens (Senior Manager Benefits and RH 2025 Steering Committee Co-Lead); Mark Schaub (Dean of BCOIS and RH 2025 Steering Committee Co-Lead); Janet Winter (Associate Dean KCON and RH 2025 Steering Committee Co-Lead)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of July 29, 2021 was reviewed.	The Agenda of July 29, 2021 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of ECS Special Meeting of July 8, 2021 were reviewed.	The Minutes of July 8, 2021 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that the Retreat on August 12 will be held on the Pew Campus.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile reported on the enrollment data for fall 2021, which is down compared to last year and asked all to encourage students to enroll. An update from the Virus Action Team (VAT) was given, with addressed questions from the floor. Faculty are urged to provide additional input to the Reach Higher 2025 Strategic Planning Team to be sure the faculty viewpoint is represented. Provost Cimitile share additional comments of appreciation for all of the support during her time as provost.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Mueller reported on upcoming initiatives and an update on Battle of the Valleys. She further reported that Student Senate will begin issuing monthly newsletters. Questions were addressed from the floor.	
6. New Business	a. Mark Schaub provided an overview of the work of the Steering Committee on Summer RH2025. The strategy development process & timeline was discussed, as well as the framework for moving forward. Questions were addressed from the floor. b. Chuck Pazdernik led discussion on Institutionalizing Affiliate Representation on ECS/UAS. Questions were addressed and the 2021 AFFARES Task Force Straw Poll was distributed, completed and collected. The survey options were:	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No Affiliate faculty representation on ECS (status quo) 2. AFAC Chair or substitute receives a standing invitation to attend ECS meetings. 3. AFAC Chair or substitute serves as a standing (non-voting) representative on ECS and receives all agendas/attachments/communication. 4. AFAC Chair serves as a voting member of ECS (no stipend) 5. AFAC Chair seves as a voting member of ECS (stipend) 6. Affiliate faculty are included in college censuses for senate apportionment and are eligilble to vote for and serve on UAS/ECS and Standing Committees. <p>It was noted that a reformulation of the charge(s) will be made at the retreat for further action.</p>	
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm	