

Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of September 15, 2017

Present: Yatin Bhagwat, Jonathan Bowman (Student Senate President), Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Brian Lakey, Sean Lancaster (for Shawn Bultsma), Claudia Leiras-Laubach, Salvador Lopez-Arias, George Lundskow, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Chuck Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Samhita Rhodes, Georgette Sass, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel

Absent: Kurt Fanning, Tonya Parker

Ex Officio: Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel, Suzeanne Benet, Ellen Schendel

Guests: Tom Butcher, Anne Jbarra, Agneiszka Szarecka

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 15, 2017 was reviewed.	The Agenda of September 15, 2017 was approved as amended, striking item 6a. A motion was made, seconded and approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of September 8, 2017 were reviewed.	The Minutes of September 8, 2017 were approved as corrected.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that Shawn Bultsma's father passed away unexpectedly. He further reported that two Town Halls are scheduled for next week and announced that an Inclusive Hiring Symposium was held this past week. Upcoming seminars and items of interest were also announced, including the Teach-In scheduled for November 9 with proposals due October 2. The senate schedule and upcoming agenda items were presented.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile shared the visitation and memorial service information for Shawn Bultsma's father. She reported that the Town Halls have been going well and identified various topics that have been discussed.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Bowman reported that interviews for Student Senate are continuing, in-service training is scheduled for Saturday, September 16 to work on strategic planning and identified resolutions under consideration at Student Senate.	
6. Old Business	a. AVP Ed Aboufadel presented an overview of the Memo on ABD Faculty from 2016-17 that was distributed earlier. Tom Butcher identified which items may need clarification before implementation. Discussion.	MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate returns the ABD memo to FPPC for further clarification of the language in the policy

	<p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to return this item to FPPC for additional clarification of the language in the policy. The Chair will communicate this to the chair of FPPC.</p> <p>b. AVP Ellen Schendel presented an overview of the Memo on UAS Representation that was distributed earlier. Discussion. It was the consensus of the body to have the Chair include the outcome of the discussion in his report to UAS.</p>	<p>APPROVED Unanimously</p>
<p>7. New Business</p>	<p>a. Agneiszka Szarecka presented an overview of the Academic Policies and Standards Committee memo regarding the attendance policy that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to return to APSC for clarification of items identified at the meeting.</p> <p>b. Agneiszka Szarecka presented an overview of the Academic Policies and Standards Committee memo regarding Emergency Closure during Final Exams that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Academic Policies and Standards Committee memo regarding Emergency Closure during Final Exams and forwards to UAS with recommendation to support.</p> <p>c. Agneiszka Szarecka presented an overview of the Academic Policies and Standards Committee memo regarding Grading Guidelines that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to refer the Academic Policies and Standards Committee recommendation on Grading Guidelines to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation that the content be referred to the Office of the Provost for further disposition.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate returns the Attendance Policy to the Academic Policies and Standards Committee for clarification of items identified at the meeting. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Academic Policies and Standards Committee memo regarding Emergency Closure during Final Exams and forwards to UAS with recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate refers the Academic Policies and Standards Committee recommendation on Grading Guidelines to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation that the content be referred to the Office of the Provost for further disposition. APPROVED Unanimously</p>

	<p>d. Discussion on the APSC memo regarding Transfer Credit Policy will be heard at the next meeting.</p> <p>e. Discussion was heard on the Grounds and Facility Use Policy. Tom Butcher and Anne Jbarra addressed questions raised from the floor regarding First Amendment rights, free speech and counter-demonstrations or protests.</p> <p>Chuck Pazdernik suggested improving the way charges to committees are tracked.</p>	
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm	