

Grand Valley State University  
Executive Committee of the Senate Meeting  
**Minutes of September 3, 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:** Chris Plouff, Ed Aboufadel, Bonnie Bowen, Christine Rener, Ellen Schendel

**Guests:** Jennifer Cymbola (AFAC); Raymond Higbea (APSC); Joel Wendland-Liu (EIC); Hannah Seidel & Laura Stroik (FFPAC); Marie McKendall (FPPC); Bob Hollister (FSBC); Andrea Riley-Mukavetz (FTLCAC); Amy Campbell (GC); Robert Adams (GEC); Chris Kurby (LIFT-MC); Julie Henderleiter (UAC); Martin Burg (UCC)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 3, 2021 was reviewed.	The Agenda of September 3, 2021 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of ECS Meeting of April 23, 2021, the Minutes of ECS Special Meeting of July 29, 2021, and the Minutes of ECS Special Meeting of August 5, 2021 were reviewed.	The Minutes of ECS Meeting of April 23, 2021, the Minutes of ECS Special Meeting of July 29, 2021, and the Minutes of ECS Special Meeting of August 5, 2021 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that all the memos from AY2021-21 were acted on. He further reported that Open Forums for the Provost Search are scheduled with the search firm via Zoom on Wednesday, September 8 at 10am and Thursday, September 9 at 2:30pm. It was also noted that feedback is requested on the Digital Roadmap Survey: <a href="https://gvsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1GJp80Yv7iEK0wS">https://gvsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1GJp80Yv7iEK0wS</a> with a deadline of September 17.  The upcoming schedule and agenda items were shared.	
4. Report from Provost	Interim Provost Plouff thanked everyone for great opening week and shared preliminary enrollment data for AY 2021-22. An update from	

	<p>the Virus Action Team (VAT) was heard.</p> <p>Questions were addressed from the floor</p>	
5. Report from Student Senate	<p>Student Senate President Mueller reported that the first meeting of Student Senate was held and provided an overview of upcoming initiatives, including 9/11 memorials and the Battle of the Valleys.</p>	
6. New Business	<p>a. Chair Ngassa presented an overview of the UAS Bylaws and Affirmation of Robert's Rules for 2021-2022 that were distributed earlier. Discussion. It was affirmed that the tradition of following Robert's Rules will be continued for AY 2021-22.</p> <p>b. Each of the Standing Committee Chairs reported if they were in agreement with the essential charges for the 2021-22 Academic Year assigned for their committees and noted if there were any additional items they would take up or have removed. Areas needing further clarification were identified and the ex officio representatives from the Office of the Provost were identified.</p> <p>The standing committees were thanked for all their work and leadership.</p> <p>c. Discussion was heard on the selection of Two One-Year Appointees to the Online Education and Microcredential Council (OEMC) from the list of nominees that was distributed earlier. The chair will send an email to all the nominees to gauge interest in serving; selection(s) will be made at a future meeting. Additionally, the OEMC has requested a revision in the description of the committee from 3-5 members to 5-8 members. This was supported by ECS at the May 27 special meeting and will be on the agenda for the October 1 UAS meeting.</p> <p>d. The Chair presented an overview of the OEMC Report on First Year of 2-Year Microcredential Process that was distributed earlier. Questions were addressed from the floor.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee the Senate supports making the draft charges to the standing committees permanent charges for the 2021-2022 Academic Year. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>

	<p>e. The revised 2021-2022 ECS/UAS Calendar was presented for review and is posted on the Faculty Governance website.</p> <p>f. Discussion was heard on prioritizing presentations to Request in 2021-2022, with the Chair sharing the confirmed presentations.</p> <p>Conducting meetings remotely was discussed, as well as how to publicize expectations for guests/observers relative to being able to speak during UAS meetings. This will be added to the agenda for ECS at the September 10 meeting.</p>	
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm	