

Grand Valley State University
Executive Committee of the Senate
September 4 , 2020

Online: 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, Anne Sergeant, , Melanie Shell-Weiss, Agnieszka Szarecka, Eric-John Szczepaniak (Student Senate President), Joy Washburn

Absent: Deb Bambini, Yatin Bhagwat

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

Guests: John Lipford (AFAC), Kristen Vu (APSC), Josita Maouene (EIC), Hannah Seidel (FFPAC), Marie McKendall (FPPC), Bob Hollister (FSBC), Andrea Bostrom (GC), Gabriele Gottlieb (GEC), Paul Sicilian (LIFT), Megan Woller-Skar (LIFT) Erica Hamilton (OEMC), 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 4, 2020 was reviewed	The Agenda of September 4, 2020 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of April 17, 2020 regular meeting and July 31, 2020 ECS special meeting were reviewed.	The Minutes of April 17, 2020 regular meeting and July 31, 2020 ECS special meeting were approved.
3. Report from Chair	Chair Ngassa reported there are no outstanding memos from last year and reported the membership list of the Task Force to Review Campus Climate Preliminary Results. The proposed schedule and upcoming agenda items were shared.	
4. Report from Provost	<p>Provost Cimitile reported that she has been impressed with the comments she has heard while on campus about the great work faculty have done for their students and how much students appreciate that.</p> <p>She also reported on a new position of Vice Provost for Life Long Learning that will be housed in her office to support the marketing, recruiting and programming for adult learners, and identified several realignments in departments. Questions were addressed from the floor.</p> <p>Information on COVID testing was shared as well as data on courses offered online (49%), hybrid (30%) and face-to-face (11%). Fall census data will be available next week.</p>	
5. Report from Student Senate	<p>Student Senate President Szczepaniak reported that at the September 24 Student Senate meeting his successor will be elected.</p> <p>He also noted several concerns that were shared by his fellow students related to</p>	

	campus/classes.	
6. New Business	<p>a. Chair Ngassa presented an overview of the UAS Bylaws and Affirmation of Robert’s Rules for 2020-2021 that were distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>b. Each of the Standing Committee Chairs reported if they were in agreement with the essential charges assigned for their committees and noted if there were any additional items they would take up during the 2020-2021 Academic Year. Areas needing further clarification from ECS were identified. The standing committees were thanked for all their work and leadership.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to make the draft charges to the standing committees permanent charges for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.</p> <p>c. Chair Ngassa presented the proposed changes to the Academic Integrity Policy that was distributed earlier, and led a review and assessment of the changes. Discussion led to asking senators to send their suggested changes to the policy to Chair Ngassa for compilation before sending to Provost Cimitile.</p> <p>d. The 2020-2021 ECS/UAS Calendar that was distributed earlier will be the official calendar for 2020-2021.</p> <p>e. Chair Ngassa reported that VP’s Donta Truss and Milos Topic have been invited to present to Senate. Additional presentations to request include VAT updates; Budget Updates (November – Provost; February 2021 Finance & Administration).</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made, seconded and agreed by consensus</u> to extend the meeting by 20 minutes.</p> <p>Additional discussion was heard about a “pause” in instruction might be addressed if conditions on condition warrant that, with specific areas of concern noted.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports making the draft charges to the standing committees permanent charges for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.</p> <p>APPROVED by Consensus</p>
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:20	