

Grand Valley State University  
Executive Committee of the Senate  
**September 18 , 2020**

**Online:** Yatin Bhagwat, 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:**

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

**Guests:** Pam Wells (AVP & University Registrar)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 18, 2020 was reviewed	The Agenda of September 18, 2020 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of September 11, 2020 were reviewed.	The Minutes of September 11, 2020 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	Chair Ngassa provided several updates of the work of ECS and reminded faculty of the upcoming Anti-Racism, White Consciousness Learning cohort in October and November and the Teach-In (virtual) on November 11. He further reported on the proposed schedule and upcoming agenda items.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile provided an update on Ottawa County Health Department "Stay at Home" order for Allendale Township, and AVP Aboufadel presented additional data. Questions were addressed from the floor.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Szczepaniak reported that this is his final meeting as President.	
6. New Business	<p>a. Chair Ngassa presented an overview of the Student Media Advisory Board Faculty Representatives that were distributed earlier and accepted nominations from the floor.</p> <p>b. Eric-John Szczepaniak presented an overview of the Student Senate Resolution on Declaring a Climate Emergency that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> for the Executive Committee of the Senate to receive the resolution and express their appreciation to the Student Senate for raising these issues. They further will place the resolutions' recommendations on the agenda for discussion at the ECS summer retreat.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate receives the resolution and expresses their appreciation to the Student Senate for raising these issues. They further will place the resolutions' recommendations on the agenda for discussion at the ECS summer retreat.</p> <p><b>APPROVED 13 Yes; 1 No; 2 Abstain</b></p>

