

# Grand Valley State University Executive Committee of the Senate Minutes of October 13, 2017

**Present:** Deborah Bambini (for Joy Washburn), Christine Beaudoin (for Tonya Parker), Yatin Bhagwat, Jonathan Bowman (Student Senate President), Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Kurt Fanning, Courtney Karasinski (for Claudia Leiras), Brian Lakey, Salvador Lopez-Arias, George Lundskow, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Chuck Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Georgette Sass, Deana Weibel

**Absent:** Samhita Rhodes

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

**Guests:** Cara Cadena, Kevin Tutt, TongTong Wan

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of October 13, 2017 was reviewed	The Agenda of October 13, 2017 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of October 6, 2017 were reviewed.	The Minutes of October 6, 2017 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported he attended the Affiliate Faculty Advisory Committee (AFAC) and University Personnel Review Committee (UPRC) meetings this week, and received feedback on the VP for finance. The LIFT Management Committee membership is complete and co-chairs are Meg Woller-Skar and Paul Sicilian. The Teach-In is November 9; the deadline for submissions has passed, although opportunities for hosting are available. The upcoming schedule and proposed agenda items were presented.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile reported there are a variety of international guests and welcomed TongTong (Tony) Wan, who expressed his thanks for being at GVSU. She further reported that she recently attended a MASU meeting with other provosts from across the state, where the state budget, bills regarding free speech on campus, visits from the Higher Learning Commission, and graduate enrollment were discussed. She also reported that the Doctorate in Occupational Therapy, Sports Management, and an IT major will be presented before the Board of Trustees in November.	

5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Bowman reported on new initiatives underway in Student Senate, and resolutions under consideration. The Last Lecture is scheduled for November 16.	
6. Old Business	<p>Cara Cadena presented an overview of the Academic Policies and Standards Committee recommendations on the Attendance Policy that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Academic Policies and Standards Committee recommendations on the Attendance Policy, as amended at the meeting, and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate support the Academic Policies and Standards Committee recommendations on the Attendance Policy, as amended at the meeting, and forwards to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p><b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>
7. New Business	<p>a. Discussion was heard regarding the definition of endorsement vs support by Senate.  <i>“Endorsement: The UAS may vote to express its endorsement of policies, events, and initiatives that support and advance the university’s mission and values. Endorsement does not imply the authorship, sponsorship, or substantive involvement of the UAS, nor does it indicate that any matter has been acted upon by UAS.”</i></p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the endorsement language and forward to University Academic Senate with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>b. Discussion was heard on ways to improve the way charges to Standing Committees are tracked and presented in a memo that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to instruct the chair to explore the feasibility to implement a system for tracking charges to standing committees as outlined in memo.</p> <p>c. Cara Cadena presented an overview of the Academic Policies and Standards Committee recommendation on Transfer Credit Policy. During discussion, it was recommended that additional data identifying the impact on students (related to persistence, etc.) is necessary before</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the endorsement language presented at the meeting and forwards to University Academic Senate with a recommendation to support.</p> <p><b>APPROVED with 1 Abstention</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate instructs the chair to explore the feasibility of implementing a system for tracking charges to standing committees as outlined in the memo.</p> <p><b>APPROVED with 1 Abstention</b></p>

	<p>senate can recommend any action.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to refer this item back to the Academic Policies and Standards Committee.</p> <p>d. Kevin Tutt presented an overview of the material that was distributed earlier on ways the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences proposes to increase Student Success Rates (Retention). Discussion.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate refers this item back to the Academic Policies and Standards Committee.  <b>APPROVED with 1 Abstention</b></p>
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:49pm	