

Grand Valley State University  
Executive Committee of the Senate Meeting  
**Minutes of October 15, 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

**Absent:** Lissa Tallman

**Ex Officio:** Chris Plouff, Ed Aboufadel, Suzeanne Benet, Ellen Schendel

**Guests:** Mary de Young, Eaaron Henderson-King, Raymond Higbea, Susan Mendoza, Marie McKendall, Michael Szydowski

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of October 15, 2021 was reviewed.	The Agenda of October 15, 2021 was approved as amended.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of ECS Meeting of October 8, 2021 were reviewed.	The Minutes of ECS Meeting of October 8, 2021 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported on the Faculty Forums scheduled for October 27 and October 28, and invited all to register at <a href="http://www.gvsu.edu/facultygov">www.gvsu.edu/facultygov</a> to receive the Zoom link. He further reported that the proposal submission deadline for the Teach-In has been extended to October 25. The upcoming calendar and proposed agenda items were shared. Questions were addressed from the floor.	
4. Report from Provost	Interim Provost Plouff reported that a notice from President Mantella was distributed to the campus community regarding RH2025. Questions were addressed from the floor.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Mueller reported that Student Senate is reviewing the strengths and weaknesses of the Battle of the Valleys (BOV) campaign and determining factors to improve upon next year. She further reported that Student Senate will be creating a subcommittee to work on BOV all year long from now on, and that at last weeks meeting numerous students attended for public comment, mostly regarding campus dining and GVSU's contract with Aramark. Additional initiatives and upcoming agenda items were noted.	
6. Old Business	Chair Ngassa led discussion on what the next steps might be after lack of endorsement on RH 2025 from the University Academic Senate at their October 1, 2021 meeting.	

	<p>Multiple comments were heard on what is needed to recraft the RH25 document to be agreeable to faculty for UAS to support in the future. Concerns were shared, including who will be revising material and how are those people are selected; and whether faculty will be able to explain to students why support was not given to RH25 that the student senate endorsed, and how the information received by President Mantella will be actionized.</p> <p>Ideas on how to move forward include providing regular updates on what is happening with the RH25 revisions, i.e. weekly summary of feedback (regular agenda item for ECS/UAS and added to the weekly meeting summary). It was emphasized that the ECS role is to preserve the integrity of the process.</p>	
<p>7. New Business</p>	<p>a. Chair Ngassa presented an preview of the Title IX discussion before guests were invited to speak. Michael Szydowski shared his concerns and answered questions raised from the floor. Mary DeYoung shared her concerns and answered questions from the floor. Eaaron Henderson-King shared his concerns. Katie Scheuerle shared her concerns.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made, seconded and approved by consensus</u> to extend the meeting by 20 minutes.</p> <p>Discussion continued, with questions addressed from the floor. During discussion a very strong recommendation was made that this matter is investigated by an external independent body who has experience in these type of matters. Additional comments were heard from the guests.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made, seconded and approved by consensus</u> to extend the meeting by 10 minutes</p> <p>Discussion continued on what the next steps may be to address this.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to establish a Task Force to determine way forward on Title IX and report back to ECS at the October 29 meeting.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made, seconded and approved by consensus</u> to extend the meeting by 10 minutes</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports establishing a Task Force to determine a way forward on Title IX and report back to ECS at the October 29 meeting.</p> <p><b>APPROVED by Consensus</b></p>

	<p>Amy McFarland, Karyn Rabourn, and Agnieszka Szarecka will craft a recommendation on how to move forward to present to ECS at their October 29 meeting.</p> <p>b. An update from Faculty Personnel Policy Committee on the Peer Review Pilot will be heard at another meeting.</p> <p>c. The Academic Policy and Standards Committee recommendation on the Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Policy-Undergraduate will be heard at another meeting.</p>	
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:36pm	