

# Grand Valley State University Executive Committee of the Senate

## Minutes of October 21, 2016

**Present:** Christina Beaudoin (for Tonya Parker), Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Ella Fritzemeier (Student Senate President), Jon Hodge, Salvador Lopez-Arias, Felix Ngassa (Vice Chair), Mary O’Kelly, Sean Lancaster (for Shawn Bultsma), Nancy Levenburg, Chuck Pazdernik, Samhita Rhodes, James Sanford, Richard Vallery (for Karen Gipson), Dan Vaughn, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel

**Absent:** George Lundskow

**Ex Officio:** Ed Aboufadel, Kathy Gulembo

**Guests:** Philip Batty, Marie McKendall

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm, with Vice Chair Ngassa conducting the meeting.

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of October 21, 2016 was reviewed.	The Agenda of October 21, 2016 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of October 14, 2016 were reviewed.	The Minutes of October 14, 2016 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Vice Chair reported on behalf of the Chair. He presented the proposed schedule and upcoming agenda items.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Davis was unable to attend the meeting. Ed Aboufadel answered questions raised from the floor.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Fritzemeier reported that the Battle of the Valleys is in two weeks, and provided updates on other initiatives. Questions were addressed from the floor.	
6. New Business	a. Mary O’Kelly presented an overview of the material related to the length of half-year sabbatical for 12-month faculty that was distributed earlier. Discussion. Faculty with questions or concerns can contact Mary O’Kelly and Ed Aboufadel.	

	<p>b. Ed Aboufadel presented an overview of voting rights for faculty that was distributed earlier, and Marie McKendall provided a historical perspective on the matter and work done in the past. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to refer the matter of faculty voting rights to the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to ask the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee to explore the possibility of allowing electronic participation in personnel meetings and determine if voting can be done electronically, and also to clarify unit voting procedures for sabbatical proposals. Discussion.</p> <p>c. Philip Batty was available to address questions from the floor regarding the LIFT material that was distributed earlier. Considerable discussion was heard, with faculty asked to think about how they would like to have the questions surrounding LIFT addressed, how a Task Force (if convened) should be structured, and who should serve on it. There were additional questions raised on why various scales are used within the report and how the results are being interpreted. This will be an agenda item at ECS on November 4.</p> <p>Open Comments: Ella reported she will not be at the UAS meeting but will have a substitute in her place.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate refers the matter of faculty voting rights to the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee. <b>Motion FAILED</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate asks the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee to explore the possibility of allowing electronic participation in personnel meetings and determine if voting can be done electronically, and also to clarify unit voting procedures for sabbatical proposals. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:49pm.	