

Grand Valley State University  
Executive Committee of the Senate  
Minutes of November 1, 2019

- Present:** Yatin Bhagwat, Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Courtney Karasinski, Brian Lakey, Salvador Lopez-Arias, George Lundskow, Hazel McClure (for Elizabeth Psyck), Jared Moore, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Charles Pazdernik, Kathryn Remlinger, Eric-John Szczepaniak ( Student Senate President), Georgette Sass, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel
- Absent:** Kurt Fanning, Melanie Shell-Weiss
- Ex Officio:** Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel
- Guests:** Andy Beachnau, Andrea Bostrom, Colleen Lindsay-Bailey, Mark Luttenton, Louis Moore

The meeting was called to order at 3pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of November 1, 2019 was reviewed.	The Agenda of November 1, 2019 was approved as amended.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of October 11, 2019 were reviewed.	The Minutes of October 11, 2019 were approved
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that the Board of Trustees met today and reminded senators about the Teach-In and the hosting schedule distributed. He announced several changes to Shared Governance Policies (clarifications) and further reported on the upcoming schedule and proposed agenda items.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile reported that the Board of Trustees met today and several faculty presented on their involvement in Presidential Initiatives. She further reported on upcoming events including President Mantella’s Investiture on November 15; a guest speaker on November 14 for a Fireside Chat with President Mantella and Provost Cimitile; guest speaker on December 6 for a Fireside Chat with President Mantella and Provost Cimitile; Commencement is on December 7 (which has been shortened) and all are encouraged to attend. Commencement will be simulcast at CHS. Ed Aboufadel also noted several events for Big Data Month including FOIAFest on November 5, Big Data Speaker November 22 on “Shape of Hurricanes” which is co-sponsored by the Making Waves Initiative.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Szczepaniak reported on various initiatives including State redistricting. He further reported that the Global Laker celebration is tonight and the First Generation Student celebration is November 8. Questions were addressed from the floor.	
6. New Business	a. Louis Moore presented a request for Faculty Senate Endorsement of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Week and distributed related material. Questions were addressed from the floor. A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to endorse the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther	<b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate endorses the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Week and forwards to UAS with a recommendation of support.

	<p>King, Jr. Commemoration Week and forward to UAS with a recommendation of support.</p> <p>b. Andy Beachnau and Colleen Lindsay-Bailey presented information on GVSU Housing and Residence Life and the Laker Experience. Questions were addressed from the floor.</p> <p>c. Andrea Bostrum presented an overview of the GC recommendation on Culminating Experience Projects that was distributed earlier. Discussion and questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the GC recommendation on Culminating Experience Projects and forward to UAS with a recommendation of support.</p> <p>d. Felix Ngassa presented an overview of the LIFT-MC report that was distributed earlier. Discussion was heard on how to disseminate the information.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to have the LIFT-MC report posted on multiple appropriate websites. Faculty members will be informed of the availability of the report through email, and the Senate Chair will report this action at the UAS meeting. Faculty will be able to access data by providing appropriate login information.</p> <p>e. Student Senate President Szczepaniak presented an overview of the Student Senate Resolution F-19-02 to create a prayer/meditation center at the Center for Health Sciences that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support ongoing use of university resources to provide a prayer/meditation center on each of the three campuses with a recommendation to UAS.</p> <p>During Open Comments Senators were thanked for signing up for Hosting Sessions at 2019 Teach-In. Thanks were expressed for having breakout sessions at UAS related to Effective</p>	<p><b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the GC recommendation on Culminating Experience Projects and forward to UAS with a recommendation of support.</p> <p><b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate shall have the LIFT-MC report posted on multiple appropriate websites. Faculty members will be informed of the availability of the report through email, and the Senate Chair will report this action at the UAS meeting. Faculty will be able to access data by providing appropriate login information.</p> <p><b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the ongoing use of university resources to provide a prayer/meditation center on each of the three campuses with a recommendation to UAS.</p> <p><b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>
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	Teaching. A question was raised if there is outreach/recruitment for foster children. Eric-John Szczepaniak noted that he will not be at ECS but a Student Senate VP would be; Grand River dredging will be a focus.	
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:58pm	