

Grand Valley State University
Executive Committee of the Senate
Minutes of November 9, 2018

- Present:** Yatin Bhagwat, Jonathan Hodge, Rachel Jenkin (Student Senate President), Courtney Karasinski, Brian Lakey, Sean Lancaster (for Shawn Bultsma), Salvador Lopez-Arias, George Lundskow, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Charles Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Georgette Sass, Paul Sicilian, Brent Smith (for Melanie Shell-Weiss), Joy Washburn
- Absent:** Samhita Rhodes, Deana Weibel
- Ex Officio:** Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel
- Guests:** Adrianna Almanza, Connie Dang, Juanita Davis, Matthew Hart, Bob Hollister, Marie McKendall, Christine Renner

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of November 9, 2018 was reviewed.	The Agenda of November 9, 2018 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of November 2, 2018 were reviewed.	The Minutes of November 2, 2018 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that the visit from the Higher Learning Commission has concluded with the initial assessment that it was a great success. The Teach-In has also concluded with increased attendance in Grand Rapids. He also reported that two forums for faculty and staff to discuss draft proposal to revise Honors Curriculum are scheduled on November 15 and 20, and showed the upcoming calendar and proposed agenda items.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile reported that the Higher Learning Commission visit was successful and presented an overview of the next steps in the accreditation process with a preliminary report expected in 6-8 weeks. AVP Aboufadel noted that next week there will be a meeting for unit heads during the ECS time.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Jenkin reported that she attended a lunch with visitors from the Higher Learning Commission and announced updates and reminders on previously reported initiatives, including Student Senate hosting an Ottawa County Commission meeting. She also reported that a decision on who will present a "Last Lecture" will be announced soon, and a resolution addressing three exams in one day will be presented to ECS when it is finalized.	
6. New Business	a. Georgette Sass presented an overview of how course material/faculty intellectual property is sold on the Studocu website, and discussion centered on ways to protect faculty intellectual property. Provost Cimitile will consult with University Counsel (for the legal implication) and the Dean of Students (to discuss how we can use this situation as a teaching moment to educate the students on academic integrity).	

	<p>b. Connie Dang presented an overview of the Lakers Connection Student Success Programs that were distributed earlier, and distributed material for review. Juanita Davis distributed material on Black Excellence and Laker Familia orientation; Adrianna Almanza provided additional data. Questions were addressed from the floor.</p> <p>c. Felix Ngassa presented situations for discussion on what type of oversight ECS has on faculty representatives who do not attend standing committee meetings. Discussion. The chair will contact the various colleges to gather additional information.</p> <p>d. Felix Ngassa presented an overview on the role of chairs on ECS/UAS Standing Committees and projected material for review. Discussion. The Chair will query the standing committee chairs to ask if there are any attendance problems. Provost Cimitile also noted that the standing committee chairs could send a note to the dean and the ECS chair to let them know if persons are not attending.</p> <p>e. Marie McKendall presented an overview of the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendations regarding the definition of effective teaching that were distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendations regarding the definition of effective teaching and forward to UAS with a recommendation of support.</p> <p>The FSBC recommendations on proportional promotion increments will be discussed at the December 7 ECS meeting.</p> <p>The College/Library Personnel Committee Vote Report in compliance of the BOT policy 4.2.10.2. will be discussed at the December 7 ECS meeting.</p> <p>During Open Comments, it was noted that a fermentation science program should be considered and take advantage of the resources around us.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendations regarding the definition of effective teaching and forward to UAS with a recommendation of support.</p> <p>APPROVED Unanimously</p>
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:03pm	