

Grand Valley State University
Executive Committee of the Senate
April 16, 2021

- Online:** Yatin Bhagwat, Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Tara Cornelius, David Crane (for Charles Pazdernik), Chris Haven, Courtney Karasinski, Jared Moore, Autumn Mueller (Student Senate President), Felix Ngassa (Chair), Elizabeth Psyck, Kathryn Remlinger, Georgette Sass, Anne Sergeant, Melanie Shell-Weiss, Agnieszka Szarecka, Joy Washburn
- Absent:** Salvador Lopez-Arias
- Ex Officio:** Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel, Chris Plouff, Ellen Schendel
- Guests:**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of April 16, 2021 was reviewed.	The Agenda of April 16, 2021 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of April 2, 2021 were reviewed.	The Minutes of April 2, 2021 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	Chair Ngassa reported that the University Libraries is engaged in strategic planning and are seeking faculty input and shared the survey link. He further reported that the Making Waves Initiative is hosting a kayaking event on Thursday, April 22. He further reported on the Budget Representative Group and the upcoming calendar and agenda items.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile asked senators to invite faculty to attend UAS for the president's report next week.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Autumn Mueller reported that she looks forward to working with faculty.	
6. New Business	<p>a. Chair Ngassa led discussion whether or not to conduct ECS meetings over the summer. Preferences were stated such as not meeting on Fridays, if possible; determining which items necessitate a meeting (program review, COVID, etc). and he shared information received from email.</p> <p>b. Chair Ngassa led discussion on retreat dates and topics to discuss at them. Preferences were stated on how many retreats to have and whether they would be virtual or face-to-face. The agenda will be built from the items that were motions at past ECS meetings.</p>	

	<p>c. Ed Aboufadel discussed whether vaccines will be mandatory before students return to campus for face-to-face classes. Faculty nominations were made to serve on the Vaccination Discussion Group to discuss this issue.</p> <p>Open Comments were related to the number of vaccines available and the actual number of vaccinations given; encouraging students to enroll for class;</p>	
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 3:50	