

Grand Valley State University
Executive Committee of the Senate
Minutes of December 7, 2018

Present: Yatin Bhagwat, Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Jonathan Hodge, Rachel Jenkin (Student Senate President), Courtney Karasinski, Brian Lakey, Salvador Lopez-Arias, George Lundskow, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Charles Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Samhita Rhodes, Georgette Sass, Paul Sicilian, Melanie Shell-Weiss, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel

Absent:

Ex Officio: Ed Aboufadel, Bonnie Bowen, Ellen Schendel

Guests: Annie Bélanger, Bob Hollister, Christine Rener, Matt Ruen

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of December 7, 2018 was reviewed.	The Agenda of December 7, 2018 was amended to move New Business items E and F to the beginning of the agenda.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of November 9, 2018 were reviewed.	The Minutes of November 9, 2018 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that commencement is tomorrow. He further reported that he will provide a mid-year report from ECS/UAS to distribute next week. He announced the theme for the next Senate Newsletter as “Faculty Factor of the Laker Effect” with additional information to be distributed later. The proposed schedule and upcoming agenda items were also announced.	
4. Report from Provost	AVP Schendel reported on behalf of Provost Cimitile who thanks faculty for a terrific semester and she looks forward to seeing faculty at upcoming events.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Jenkin reported on two resolutions approved at their last meeting. She further reported that she is excited to be asked to speak at commencement tomorrow.	
6. Old Business	<p>a. Bob Hollister presented an overview of the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee memo on Proportional Promotion Increments that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee memo on Proportional Promotion Increments and forward it to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation of support.</p> <p>b. Chair Ngassa presented information on the College/Library Personnel Committee Vote Report as stated in Board of Trustees Policy 4.2.10.2 and notified ECS members whose colleges are in violation of the policy.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Faculty Salary and Budget Committee memo on Proportional Promotion Increments and forwards it to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation of support.</p> <p>APPROVED Unanimously</p>

<p>7. New Business</p>	<p>a. The Chair provided guidelines to help develop a mechanism for feedback on Effective Teaching and establishing a timeline to report feedback to ECS. During discussion, a recommendation was made to solicit feedback from all faculty - via email- regarding Effective Teaching.</p> <p>Salvador Lopez-Arias, Brian Lakey and Melanie Shell-Weiss volunteered to develop a document and forward it to ECS for review by Thursday, December 13 at 5pm, with ECS members then providing amendments by Thursday, December 20 to the ECS Chair so it can be on the January 11 ECS agenda.</p> <p>b. Chair Ngassa presented an overview of the comments received about the Teaching Effectiveness Policy and faculty affected that was distributed earlier. During discussion it was agreed that the policy should be broad and cover all categories of faculty.</p> <p>c. Ellen Schendel reported that a mechanism will be available in Winter 2019 to email faculty when students withdraw from their class.</p> <p>d. Brief discussion was heard on a concern raised about Unduplicated Credits in a Minor that was distributed earlier. The Chair will recommend to the faculty who raised the concern to contact AVP Benet, but no formal action was warranted by the Executive Committee of the Senate.</p> <p>e. Matt Ruen presented an overview of the OER (Online Educational Resources) Initiative that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>f. AVP Schendel provided clarification on questions raised about the “Class Registration Policy/Practice” that was distributed earlier. Discussion. Further questions can be directed to the registrar.</p> <p><u>Open Comments</u> A question was raised on the policy regarding significant focus and what impact it has had. It was acknowledged that it will take some time to compile data. Annie Bélanger provided a summary of state-wide initiatives related to Open Education Resources.</p>	
<p>8. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 4:59pm</p>	