

Grand Valley State University  
Executive Committee of the Senate Meeting  
**Minutes of February 23, 2024**

**Present:** Yatin Bhagwat, Tara Cornelius, Susan Harrington, Chris Haven, Courtney Karasinski (Vice Chair), Salvador Lopez-Arias, Leifa Mayers, Melissa Morison, Jared Moore, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Linda Pickett, Quinten Proctor (Student Senate President), Matt Ruen (for Gayle Schaub), Anne Sergeant, Kevin Strychar, Robert Talbert, Deana Weibel

**Absent:**

**Ex Officio:** Fatma Mili, Ed Aboufadel, Bonnie Bowen, Erica Hamilton, Jeff Potteiger, Bob Smart

**Guests:** Amy Campbell, Jennifer Cymbola, Barb Hoogenboom, Mary Bower Russa, Andrew Spear

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of February 23, 2024, was reviewed.	The Agenda of February 23, 2024, was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of February 9, 2024, were reviewed.	The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of February 9, 2024, were approved as amended.
3. Report from Chair	<p>Chair Ngassa reported that the theme for the newsletter is “The Role of Shared Governance in Co-creating Laker Readiness” and asks all senators to contribute an article.</p> <p>He noted that a response was recently received from administration in response to the memo on Educating Adult Learners at Scale and the memo on Test-Optional and Holistic Admissions.</p> <p>He shared that Democracy 101 events are scheduled for February 28 and March 27, and shared the proposed schedule and upcoming agenda items.</p> <p>Questions were addressed from the floor, with a request that discussion on the response memo happens soon.</p>	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Mili reported that Dr. David Ruiter, faculty director of the Teaching and Learning Commons at the University of California San Diego visited Grand Valley for a President’s Forum discussion – Learning Lost and Found.	

<p>5. Report from Student Senate</p>	<p>Student Senate President Proctor reported that Student Senate hosted its annual “Elect Her” leadership training program, and continued discussion about issues with admissions/retention and how they can support students. They are continuing to prepare for Spring elections.</p>	
<p>6. New Business</p>	<p>a. Amy Campbell provided an overview of the Graduate Council recommendation on Independent Study Policy that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Graduate Council recommendation on Independent Study Policy and forward it to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>b. Amy Campbell provided an overview of the Graduate Council recommendation on AI Policy in Theses and Dissertations that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Graduate Council recommendation on AI Policy in Theses and Dissertations and forward it to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>c. Barb Hoogenboom provided highlights of the UCC recommendation on Course Designation for Study Abroad and Study Away Courses that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the UCC recommendation on Course Designation for Study Abroad and forward it to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>d. Bob Smart presented highlights of the Proposed Changes to the Policy on Establishing, Reviewing, and Discontinuing Academic</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Graduate Council recommendation on Independent Study Policy and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Graduate Council recommendation on AI Policy in Theses and Dissertations and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the UCC recommendation on Course Designation for Study Abroad and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of</p>

	<p>Centers, SG 2.06 &amp; 1.03.B.14 that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Proposed Changes to the Policy on Establishing, Reviewing, and Discontinuing Academic Centers, SG 2.06 &amp; 1.03.B.14. and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>e. Jared Moore presented an overview of the suggested language describing the operation of a Consent Agenda that was distributed earlier. During the meeting the language was amended to (changes in bold):</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">8.2.4.1. The ECS may vote to place one or more items on a consent agenda for consideration at a UAS meeting. <b>An item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately on request from any UAS member, either prior to the meeting by advance communication with the Chair or during the meeting itself.</b> Items not removed are adopted by unanimous consent without deliberation. Removed items may either be considered immediately after the consent agenda or placed elsewhere on the UAS agenda at the discretion of the body.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the suggested language describing the operation of a Consent Agenda and forward it to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>e. Andrew Spear and Mary Bower Russa provided an overview of the Statement of Concern Document on Admission that was distributed earlier. Lengthy discussion was heard with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to forward this draft to UAS as a position statement expressing faculty concerns, for discussion of whether to modify, approve, and/or disseminate</p>	<p>the Senate supports the Proposed Changes to the Policy on Establishing, Reviewing, and Discontinuing Academic Centers, SG 2.06 &amp; 1.03.B.14. and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the suggested language describing the operation of a Consent Agenda and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the draft document to UAS as a position statement expressing faculty concerns, for discussion of whether to modify, approve, and/or disseminate this. <b>APPROVED 15 Yes; 1 No; 0 Abstain</b></p>
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	<p>this. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made, seconded, and agreed by consensus</u> to extend the meeting by 20 minutes.</p> <p>Discussion continued.</p> <p>f. Tara Cornelius provided an overview of the charges related to the Creation of Test-Optional and Holistic Admissions Task Force 2 that was distributed earlier. Discussion was heard, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>The changes made during the meeting by Dr. Cornelius will be sent to Chair Ngassa for distribution.</p>	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:23pm	