

Grand Valley State University Executive Committee of the Senate

Minutes of September 9, 2016

Present: Shawn Bultsma, Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Ella Fritzemeier (Student Senate President), Jonathan Hodge, Karen Gipson (Chair), Nancy Levenburg, Salvador Lopez-Arias, George Lundskow, Felix Ngassa (Vice Chair), Mary O’Kelly, Tonya Parker, Chuck Pazdernik, Samhita Rhodes, James Sanford, Dan Vaughn, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel

Absent:

Ex Officio: Gayle Davis, Ed Aboufadel, Chris Plouff

Guests: Marie McKendall

The meeting was called to order at 3:15pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 9, 2016 was reviewed.	The Agenda of September 9, 2016 was approved, as amended.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of September 2, 2016 were reviewed.	The Minutes of September 2, 2016 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that the Equity and Inclusion Task Force is being formed with only one person declining to serve, and that the schedule for presentations/discussions has been planned. The Chair also reported that she has received a request to invite Dean Potteiger to make a presentation on the Graduate student exit survey; ECS members agreed to this but requested the chair to ask Dean Potteiger to limit his comments to updated information. Other discussion ensued regarding other desired presentations including one on Strategic Initiatives. The Chair reminded senators of the open meetings with the provost search firm next week. She also presented an update of upcoming agenda items.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Davis reported on the enrollment numbers, and noted increases in students of color, first-time students, and overall enrollment. She further reported on the various activities in her office. Ed Aboufadel reported that Faculty Personnel workshops have been reestablished for unit heads, deans, and staff. He further reported that a website has been established at www.gvsu.edu/fpw .	

5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Fritzemeier reported that there are seven open positions on Student Senate, and noted that a nomination form is available on their website.	
6. New Business	<p>a. Chris Plouff presented an overview of the Faculty qualifications documents that were distributed earlier. Lengthy discussion ensued with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Faculty Qualifications documents as amended, and recommends them to the University Academic Senate. Discussion.</p> <p>b. Mary O’Kelly presented an overview of the ULFA updates regarding terminal degrees that were distributed earlier.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the ULFA updates regarding terminal degrees as presented and forwards to the University Academic Senate with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>c. Marie McKendall presented an overview of the FPPC recommendation on accountability that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to table the document until the next meeting.</p> <p>d. Overload teaching: NO DISCUSSION.</p> <p>e. Possible Discussions: NO DISCUSSION.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Senate responsibility for university committees - Meaning of Senate endorsement - Role of Senate in provost search <p>During Open Comments, Ed Aboufadel was wished a happy birthday.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Faculty Qualifications document as amended and forwards to the University Academic Senate with recommendation for support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the ULFA updates regarding terminal degrees as presented and forwards to the University Academic Senate with recommendation for support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate Tables the document until the next meeting. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:57pm	

