

Grand Valley State University
Executive Committee of the Senate Meeting
Minutes of February 9, 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), Gayle Schaub, Anne Sergeant, Kevin Strychar, Paul Fishback (for Robert Talbert), Deana Weibel

Absent:

Ex Officio: Fatma Mili, Ed Aboufadel, Sean Lancaster

Guests: Chasity Bailey-Fakhoury, Jesse Bernal, Jennifer Cymbola, Alisha Davis, Karen Gipson, Marlene Kowalski-Braun, Jeff Potteiger

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of February 9, 2024, was reviewed.	The Agenda of February 9, 2024 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of January 26, 2024.	The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of January 26, 2024, were approved.
3. Report from Chair	Chair Ngassa reported on the COACHE survey, and the upcoming dates for Democracy 101. He also reminded faculty of the title of the 2024 UAS newsletter and the deadline to submit an article.	
4. Report from Provost	<p>Provost Mili expressed her appreciation of the concern and passion of the senators around the work presented last week. She offered clarifications that as pointed out in Lakers Ready, the Board of Trustees will not be voting on Educating Adult Learners at Scale. There is no specific action required by the board regarding this. President Mantella will provide an update and information about the work to our Board of Trustees while we work collectively to ensure quality while we serve our learners.</p> <p>She reiterated that this is not a new program. Adult Education will be expanding our offering and capacity (locations, modalities) of existing programs that have already been approved through shared governance. Any additional programs will be explored in collaboration with the colleges.</p> <p>While the administrative model has been defined, there is still ample room for input as this evolves which is why this was brought to UAS.</p>	

	<p>Additionally, the adult education unit will not be in Academic Affairs, it is elevated to the president level to assure proper cross-institutional support to this important initiative.</p> <p>Questions were addressed from the floor.</p>	
5. Report from Student Senate	<p>Student Senate President Proctor reported that Student Senate is beginning its Spring elections process. Petitions to get on the ballot may now be circulated; if there are any students you believe would be good fits, please encourage them to run.</p> <p>He further reported that he has decided to run for re-election as Student Senate President and hopes to continue working with faculty governance next year.</p>	
6. New Business	<p>a. Marlene Kowalski-Braun, Alisha Davis, and Sean Lancaster presented the Inclusion & Equity Strategic Framework and addressed questions from the floor.</p> <p>b. Leifa Mayers requested that additional discussion is held regarding the retention of BIPOC Faculty.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to place discussion on the retention of BIPOC Faculty on the ECS summer retreat.</p> <p>c. Karen Gipson provided a debrief of 2023 Teach-In that was distributed earlier and reported that the EIC Chair acknowledged that the EIC committee would like to continue to be involved with the review of TI Proposals.</p> <p>d. Brief discussion was heard on the UAS written response to the White Paper on Educating Adult Learners at Scale.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and Seconded</u> to move further discussion on UAS written response to the White Paper on Educating Adult Learners at Scale to UAS.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate will place discussion on the retention of BIPOC Faculty on the ECS summer retreat. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate moves further discussion on UAS written response to the White Paper on Educating Adult Learners at Scale to UAS. APPROVED Unanimously</p>

Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 3:57p	
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