

Grand Valley State University  
Executive Committee of the Senate Meeting  
**Minutes of September 10, 2021**

**Present:** Yatin Bhagwat, Tara Corneilus, Chris Haven, Courtney Karasinski (Vice Chair), Salvador Lopez-Arias, Leifa Mayers (for Amy McFarland), Teri McCrumb (for Susan Harrington), Autumn Mueller (Student Senate President), Felix Ngassa (Chair), Chuck Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Karyn Rabourn, Wendy Reffeor (for Jared Moore), Anne Sergeant, Agnieszka Szarecka, Robert Talbert, Lissa Tallman

**Absent:**

**Ex Officio:** Chris Plouff, Ed Aboufadel, Suzeanne Benet, Christine Rener, Ellen Schendel

**Guests:** Amy Campbell (Chair of GC); Christine Rener (Director of the Pew FTLC and Vice Provost for Instructional Development and Innovation & Member of EPP Task Force); Elisa Salazar (Employee Ombuds); Joel Wendland-Liu (Chair of EIC).

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 10, 2021 was reviewed.	The Agenda of September 10, 2021 was approved as amended, adding item G.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of ECS Meeting of September 3, 2021 were reviewed.	The Minutes of ECS Meeting of September 3, 2021 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that a Center for Civil Discourse has been created per SG 1.0 1. 2.2.2. He also provided an update on leadership in the Title IX office, updates from the Provost Search Open Forums, and reminded faculty to complete feedback for the Digital Roadmap by September 17. The upcoming schedule and proposed agenda items were shared, with a reminder of the Teach-In on November 10 and 11.	
4. Report from Provost	Interim Provost Plouff answered questions related to the leadership in the Title IX office. He shared preliminary enrollment data and will provide a full report next week, and further reported that the VP for Development, Laura Aiken, starts next week.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Mueller reported on the Student Senate initiatives, including hosting the Reach Higher 2025 steering committee, releasing their first Newsletter (which highlights Student Senate general assemblies/applications, Battle of the Valleys, and the Teach-In). Their 9/11 events include a flag memorial and service project prior to the football game. They will also host the State of Michigan independent citizens redistricting commission in conjunction with the Community Service and Learning Center.	
6. New Business	a. Elisa Salazar, Employee Ombuds Officer, presented an overview of her work and offered ways she can support employees.	

	<p>b. The APSC Memo on Prior Learning Credit-Undergraduate will be discussed at the ECS meeting of October 8, 2021.</p> <p>c. Amy Campbell presented an overview of the Graduate Council Memo on Transfer of Credit to a Graduate Program that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Graduate Council Memo on Transfer of Credit to a Graduate Program and forward to UAS with a recommendation of support.</p> <p>d. Joel Wendland-Liu presented an overview of the Equity and Inclusion Committee (EIC) Report on Diversity of Faculty, Staff, and Students Across Colleges that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions were addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the EIC report with provisional approval pending the Equity in Personnel Policies (EPP) report and discussion.</p> <p>e. Karyn Raboun presented an overview of the Equity in Personnel Policies (EPP) Task Force Final Report that was distributed earlier. Discussion to identify if each item should be addressed immediately via a charge (short term), resolved at a retreat (near term), or over the next year or longer (long term). Items #1, 2, 3, 4 (tied to #1), 10 and 11 are short term; Item #9 near term; Item #8 is long term; Item #5 for review by Provost &amp; UPRC; and, Items #6 for ECS to address linked with # 7 (and EIC/FPPC/LIFT-MC)</p> <p>At 5:00pm a <u>motion was made, seconded and approved by consensus</u> to extend the meeting by 30 minutes.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the Equity and Inclusion Committee (EIC) report and append to the Equity in Personnel Policies (EPP) report, with discussion held for a future meeting.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee the Senate supports the the GC Memo on Transfer of Credit to a Graduate Program and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation of support. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the EIC report with provisional approval pending the Equity in Personnel Policies (EPP) report and discussion. <b>APPROVED with no opposition</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the Equity and Inclusion Committee (EIC) report and appends it to the Equity in Personnel Policies (EPP) report, with discussion to be held at a future meeting. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>
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	<p>f. Chair Ngassa led discussion on the best ways to manage virtual meetings of the University Academic Senate (UAS). Further discussion will be had.</p> <p>g. Virtual Town Hall Dates are established for Wednesday, October 27 from 10:00 – 11:00am and Thursday, October 28 from 2:30 – 3:30pm.</p>	
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:33pm	