

Grand Valley State University  
Executive Committee of the Senate  
Minutes of September 6, 2019

- Present:** Yatin Bhagwat, Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Courtney Karasinski, Brian Lakey, Salvador Lopez-Arias, George Lundskow, Jared Moore, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Charles Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Kathryn Remlinger, Melanie Shell-Weiss, Eric-John Szczepaniak ( Student Senate President), Georgette Sass, Deana Weibel, Joy Washburn
- Absent:** Kurt Fanning
- Ex Officio:** Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel
- Guests:** Eric Hoogstra

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 6, 2019 was reviewed.	The Agenda of September 6, 2019 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of August 30, 2019 were reviewed.	The Minutes of August 30, 2019 were approved as amended.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair announced the Big Splash week is coming up. He presented an overview of the work of Senate over the past week and presented the proposed schedule and upcoming agenda items.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile apologized she missed the first meeting and welcomed senators to the beginning of the semester. She shared census and enrollment data and announced Fall enrollment of 24,033. Questions were addressed from the floor. She announced that Faculty Associate positions are being created in her office and the Office of the President, and further information will be distributed later.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Szczepaniak presented information on various resources available on non-profit boards, mental health, and other topics. He further reported on other initiatives through the Student Senate office.	
6. New Business	<p>a. Student Senate Szczepaniak presented an overview of the resolution from Student Senate to call for the GVSU Board of Trustees to subscribe to the principles of the Open Meetings Act including the addition of public comment and meeting in closed session only when empowered by the Open Meetings Act of 1976 that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to create an independent Task Force to craft a resolution regarding open comment at Board of Trustees meetings taking into consideration the Student Senate resolution.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate shall create an independent Task Force to craft a resolution regarding open comment at</p>

	<p>The chair acknowledges receipt of the student senate resolution and thanks the student senate for their work.</p> <p>b. The AFAC memos will be discussed at the next ECS meeting.</p> <p>c. The changes to SG 1.01 (6.7/7.5 and SG 1.02 will be discussed at the next ECS meeting.</p> <p>d. Nominations for the LIFT-MC membership were presented and discussed. The Chair will contact those nominated and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>OPEN COMMENTS: The Library offers data consulting. Womens soccer won 5-2.</p>	<p>Board of Trustees meetings taking into consideration the Student Senate resolution.  <b>FAILED 1 yea; 14 nay</b></p>
1. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:59pm	