

Grand Valley State University  
Executive Committee of the Senate Meeting  
**Minutes of January 26, 2024**

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

**Absent:**

**Ex Officio:** Fatma Mili, Ed Aboufadel, Erica Hamilton

**Guests:** Jennifer Cymbola, Kathryn Stieler

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of January 26, 2024, was reviewed.	The Agenda of January 26, 2024, was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of January 12, 2024 were reviewed.	The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of January 12, 2024, were approved as amended.
3. Report from Chair	Chair Ngassa reminded faculty to participate in the COACHE Faculty Job Satisfaction Survey. He reported on select data from the winter census. The dates for the Democracy 101 series were shared, along with the upcoming schedule and proposed agenda items.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Mili shared that the theme of week is Student Success. She noted that several guests were on campus last week, and she held two Town Halls with VP Truss and VP Hall-Jones; another Town Hall was scheduled for today. Vice Provost Van Dam will present a white paper at the February 2 University Academic Senate on Adult Education, which is of one of President Mantella's five priorities. Questions were addressed from the floor.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Proctor reported that the State of the Student Senate went well, and a promotional video on their restructuring was shown.	

	<p>The Student Senate focus for the upcoming week will be preparing for the Presidents' Ball scheduled for February 2 at 6pm in the DeVos Place.</p>	
<p>6. New Business</p>	<p>a. AVP Erica Hamilton led discussion on the Proposed University Definition of Digital Literacy &amp; Proposed Inventory Process that was distributed earlier. The committee was thanked for their work.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Proposed University Definition of Digital Literacy &amp; Proposed Inventory Process and forward to UAS with a recommendation to endorse and support.</p> <p>b. Kathryn Stieler provided an overview of the FPPC Revised Recommendation on Bias Statements for Students and Faculty that was distributed earlier. The committee was thanked for their work.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the FPPC Revised Recommendation on Bias Statements for Students and Faculty and forward to UAS with a recommendation to endorse and support.</p> <p>c. Chair Ngassa presented the names of faculty selected for the Task Force on Shared Governance Review (SHGR).</p> <p>d. Jared Moore provided an update on the Consent Agenda which will be discussed further at the February 9, 2024, ECS meeting.</p> <p>e. Chair Ngassa led discussion of the topic/title for Faculty Forums, with “Laker Readiness: What faculty, staff, and administrators can do to meet the demands, challenges, and needs of our growing student population,” as a possibility. Additional title suggestions can be sent to the Chair.</p> <p>f. Discussion was heard on the theme for the 2024 UAS Newsletter with a title of “The Role of Shared Governance in Co-creating Laker Readiness” agreed on. Articles are due to Chair Ngassa by April 1.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Proposed University Definition of Digital Literacy &amp; Proposed Inventory Process and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to endorse and support. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the FPPC Revised Recommendation on Bias Statements for Students and Faculty and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to endorse and support. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>

	During Open Comments, an update on the review/ revisions to SG 2.05 was given.	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:15p	