

Grand Valley State University
Executive Committee of the Senate
Minutes of March 13, 2020

- Present:** Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Courtney Karasinski, Salvador Lopez-Arias, George Lundskow, Jared Moore, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Joel Pagel (Student Senator), Chuck Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Kathryn Remlinger, Georgette Sass, Paul Sicilian, Anne Sergeant, Melanie Shell-Weiss, Eric-John Szczepaniak (Student Senate President)
- Online:** Brian Lakey, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel
- Absent:**
- Ex Officio:** Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel, Suzeanne Benet, Ellen Schendel
- Guests:** Teresa Beck, Agnieszka Szarecka (Chair of APSC)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of March 13, 2020 was reviewed.	The Agenda of March 13, 2020 was approved as amended moving 7d to 7a.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of February 14 , 2020 were reviewed.	The Minutes of February 14, 2020 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	Chair Ngassa reported that a message will be sent to all standing committee chairs regarding the protocol for holding committee meetings given the COVID-19 emergency, and further noted that ECS meetings will be held as usual unless circumstances change; a determination on UAS will be made after March 29.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile thanked everyone for their tremendous effort in getting their courses online during the COVID-19 pandemic. She reported that the Provost website has additional information on the COVID-19 situation on campus and answered questions from the floor.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Szczepaniak reported that the election for the new Student Senate President will be held the first week of Fall semester. He further reported that he and other student senators met with the Provost on a variety of topics and mentioned several initiatives they would like implemented in light of the COVID - 19 emergency situation, with 700 students requesting to remain on campus during the emergency.	
6. Old Business	a. The Chair presented an overview of the memo from the Student Senate that was distributed earlier related to previous action on Student Senate resolutions taken by the Executive Committee of the Senate (ECS) but not communicated to the Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC).	
7. New Business	a. Agnieszka Szarecka presented an overview of the APSC recommendation on Temporary Academic Policy for the COVID-19 Emergency that was distributed earlier. Discussion and questions were addressed from the floor.	

	<p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to remove item #2 under “Recommendations for unit specific decisions”.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the APSC recommendation on Temporary Academic Policy for the COVID-19 Emergency as amended at the meeting.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> for the ECS to act on behalf of the University Academic Senate on this matter, and forward their recommendation to the Office of the Provost.</p> <p>There was no further action taken on the other agenda items.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports removing #2 under Recommendations for Unit Specific Decisions. APPROVED by Consensus with 2 Abstentions</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the APSC recommendation on Temporary Academic Policy for the COVID-19 Emergency as amended at the meeting. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate acts on behalf of the University Academic Senate on this matter, and will forward their recommendation to the Office of the Provost. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:01pm	