

Grand Valley State University  
Executive Committee of the Senate  
Minutes of October 5, 2018

**Present:** Yatin Bhagwat, Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Jonathan Hodge, Rachel Jenkin (Student Senate President), Courtney Karasinski, Brian Lakey, Salvador Lopez-Arias, George Lundskow, Hazel McClure (for Elizabeth Psyck), Ngassa (Chair), Charles Pazdernik, Samhita Rhodes, Georgette Sass, Melanie Shell-Weiss, Paul Sicilian, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel

**Absent:**

**Ex Officio:** Maria Cimitile, Ellen Schendel,

**Guests:** Robert Adams, Jesse Bernal, Krista McFarland, Theresa Rowland, Greg Sanial, Kathleen VanderVeen

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of October 5, 2018 was reviewed.	The Agenda of October 5, 2018 was approved
2. Approval of Minutes	A <u>motion was made, seconded</u> and unanimously approved to untable discussion of the ECS Minutes of September 7, 2018. The Minutes of September 7, 2018 were reviewed.  Review of Minutes of September 14, 2018.	The Minutes of September 7 , 2018 were approved.  The Minutes of September 14, 2018 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that the two town halls regarding budget were well attended. He reminded senators of the upcoming HLC visit on November 5 & 6 and encouraged all faculty to consider presenting at the Teach-In on November 7 & 8. The upcoming calendar and proposed agenda items were announced.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile reported on the two town halls and announced that she is willing to have additional meetings for colleges or departments, if needed. She further reported that the Assurance Argument to HLC will be completed on October 9 and noted that some assessment reports have not been received. She reported that the Summer Pay Task Force met last week, and Yatin Bhagwat provided a brief overview of the Task Force meeting and their focus going forward. Brief discussion was heard with questions addressed from the floor.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Jenkin reported on new projects that Student Senate is working on including mental health initiatives, hosting the county commission meeting on November 15, a Safe Night walk and new senate appointees. She further noted collaboration with other universities and announced that GV has the highest number of registered voters in the state.	
6. New Business	a. Jesse Bernal provided an update to Title IX Reporting requirements and distributed material for review. Questions were addressed from the floor. b. The Vice President for Finance, Greg Sanial, was introduced and provided brief	

	<p>remarks.</p> <p>c. Robert Adams presented an overview of the OEC recommendations on Adoption of Peer Review Instrument that was distributed earlier. Discussion was heard, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the OEC recommendations on adopting the Peer Review Instrument as presented at the meeting, and forward to UAS with a recommendation of support, with friendly consideration of the suggestion to remove “for improvement” on the finalized version.</p> <p>d. Felilx Ngassa presented an overview of the EIC request to stagger membership on the committee that was distributed earlier, and Paul Sicilian described ways the LIFT Management Committee handled a similar situation. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to recommend that the EIC use a combination of lengthened or shortened terms, and are granted permisison to depart from technical FH language to develop staggered terms for colleges outside of CLAS.</p> <p>e. Felix Ngassa presented an overview of the request to eliminate gendered language in policy documents changed/supported by ECS/UAS that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> that as from this day, Friday, October 5, 2018, ECS/UAS will include inclusive language in the creation of policy documents and Faculty Governance actions. Furthermore, a task force will be created in the summer to begin looking at the personnel section of the Faculty Handbook to eliminate gendered language.</p> <p>f. Krista McFarland presented an overview of the SMAB Faculty Representative Appointments that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the SMAB Faculty Representative</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate accepts the OEC recommendations on adopting the Peer Review Instrument as presented at the meeting, and forward to UAS with a recommendation of support, with friendly consideration of the suggestion to remove “for improvement” on the finalized version. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate recommends that the EIC use a combination of lengthened or shortened terms and are granted permisison to depart from technical FH language to develop staggered terms for colleges outside of CLAS. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate shall include inclusive language in the creation of policy documents and Faculty Governance actions, and create a task force, in the summer, to begin looking at the personnel section of the Faculty Handbook to eliminate gendered language. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the SMAB Faculty Representative Appointments as presented. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>
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	<p>Appointments as presented.</p> <p>g- Felix Ngassa presented an overview of the names received for consideration to the GV Future Leader Task Force Membership, with additional nominations made from the floor. Discussion.</p> <p>h. Felix Ngassa presented an overview of the modified Policy Language Proposal for Affiliate and Other Non-Tenure Track Faculty that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p><u>A motion was made and seconded</u> to support the modified Policy Language Proposal for Affiliate and Other Non-Tenure Track Faculty as presented.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the modified Policy Language Proposal for Affiliate and Other Non-Tenure Track Faculty as presented.</p> <p><b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm	