

Grand Valley State University  
Executive Committee of the Senate Meeting  
**Minutes of October 8, 2021**

**Present:** Yatin Bhagwat, Tara Corneilus, Susan Harrington, Chris Haven, Courtney Karasinski (Vice Chair), Salvador Lopez-Arias, Amy McFarland, Jared Moore, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Chuck Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Karyn Rabourn, Anne Sergeant, Agnieszka Szarecka, Robert Talbert, Lissa Tallman  
**Absent:** Autumn Mueller (Student Senate President)  
**Ex Officio:** Chris Plouff, Ed Aboufadel, Ellen Schendel  
**Guests:** Jennifer Cymbola

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of October 8, 2021 was reviewed.	The Agenda of October 8, 2021 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of ECS Meeting of September 24, 2021 were reviewed.	The Minutes of ECS Meeting of September 24, 2021 were approved as amended by adding Pat Smith in 6.b.
3. Report from Chair	<p>The Chair reported that Faculty Forums will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, October 27 at 10am and Thursday, October 27 at 2:30pm. The upcoming schedule and proposed agenda items were shared, including the Teach-In on November 10 and 11. All are encouraged to submit a proposal for the Teach-In, or volunteer to host a session. More information is at <a href="http://www.gvsu.edu/teach-in">www.gvsu.edu/teach-in</a>.</p> <p>Questions were addressed from the floor.</p>	
4. Report from Provost	<p>Interim Provost Plouff reported that there is increased anxiety with mid terms coming up and urges all faculty to take care of themselves and provide grace to their colleagues, and use the fall break as an opportunity to recharge.</p> <p>AVP Ed Aboufadel provided highlights of the updates to the Office of the Provost website, including a compilation of personnel-salary-evaluation-and-related-links. He also answered questions from the floor related to COVID statistics.</p> <p>Questions were addressed from the floor.</p>	
5. Report from Student Senate	No Report	

<p>6. New Business</p>	<p>a. Chair Ngassa led discussion on RH2025 and what is next after the lack of endorsement from UAS at their last meeting. He shared President Mantella’s response to the October 5, 2021 UAS memo for discussion. During discussion comments and concerns were expressed.</p> <p>Discussion was suspended to allow time for closer review of the document(s) and will be placed on the agenda for the ECS October 15 meeting. All are encouraged to send comments to Chair Ngassa before the meeting.</p> <p>b. Jennifer Cymbola presented an overview of the Affiliate Faculty Advisory Committee (AFAC) recommendation on Affiliate Faculty Evaluation Procedure that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the the Affiliate Faculty Advisory Committee (AFAC) recommendation on Affiliate Faculty Evaluation Procedure and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>c. The proposed appointments to the OEMC that were distributed earlier were discussed.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the appointments to the Online Education &amp; Microcredential Council (OEMC) and forward them to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>d. Chuck Pazdernik presented an overview of the report from the AFFARES Representatives Meeting with AFAC. Questions were addressed from the floor. As a way to move forward, AFFARES will draft bylaws language to place on a future agenda for consideration.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made, seconded and agreed by consensus</u> to extend the meeting for ten minutes.</p> <p>e. The Faculty Activity Plan Designation discussion will be discussed at a future meeting.</p> <p>f. Discussion continued regarding the Title IX office current situation, with requests to review the resignation letters from those who left the university.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Affiliate Faculty Advisory Committee (AFAC) recommendation on Affiliate Faculty Evaluation Procedure and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the appointments to the Online Education &amp; Microcredential Council (OEMC) and forwards them to UAS with a recommendation to support. <b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>
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	The Chair will invite those who have resigned to a future meeting for their input.	
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:12pm	