

Grand Valley State University  
Executive Committee of the Senate  
Minutes of January 18, 2019

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

**Absent:**

**Ex Officio:** Maria Cimitile, Suzanne Benet

**Guests:** Agnieszka Szarecka

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of January 18, 2019 was reviewed.	The Agenda of January 18, 2019 was approved as amended.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of January 11, 2019 were reviewed.	The Minutes of January 11, 2019 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that he and the vice chair went to the CLAS Unit Head meeting and reported on various concerns. There was considerable discussion and questions addressed from the floor.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile provided winter census data from Institutional Analysis and reported that FTIAC retention is 94.8%, which is the highest it has been in years.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Jenkin reported on various initiatives underway at Student Senate and answered questions from the floor.	
6. New Business	<p>a. Agnieszka Szarecka presented an overview of the Academic Policies and Standards Committee request for clarification on the Recovery Camp Program that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to drop Charge #2 to Academic Policies and Standards Committee that states "Examine the efficiency and effectiveness of the Recovery Camp Program and any other current initiatives that are intended to improve student retention since they are related to how some students are currently readmitted to GVSU." and report this to UAS.</p> <p>b. Chair Ngassa presented an overview of the proposed document to solicit faculty feedback on the definition of effective teaching. Discussion.</p> <p>During a straw poll, it was determined that a shorter survey (7) was preferred</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports dropping Charge #2 to Academic Policies and Standards Committee that states "Examine the efficiency and effectiveness of the Recovery Camp Program and any other current initiatives that are intended to improve student retention since they are related to how some students are currently readmitted to GVSU." and report this to UAS.</p> <p><b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>

	<p>over a longer (5) version.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to supports adding the following question on the survey along with the standard demographic questions: <i>“Please provide any comments about the proposed definition of effective teaching along with the demographic information.”</i></p> <p>It was also discussed on how the results would be collected and summarized using university software.</p> <p>c. Chair Ngassa presented an overview of the Workload Per Credit Hour for students that was distributed earlier. Discussion. After discussion, it was decided that this will be revisited at the summer retreat and a charge will be crafted for the APSC for 2019-2020 AY.</p> <p>Suggestions: Present a policy for Expected Student Academic Work per Credit differentiating undergraduate students from graduate students similar to the administrative policy from the University of Minnesota. The recommendation should include suggestions for where the policy should be housed.Expectations</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports adding the following question on the survey along with the standard demographic questions: <i>“Please provide any comments about the proposed definition of effective teaching along with the demographic information.”</i></p> <p><b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>
1. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm	