

Grand Valley State University  
Executive Committee of the Senate Meeting  
**Minutes of September 15, 2023**

**Present:** Yatin Bhagwat, Amy Campbell, Rachel Campbell, Tara Cornelius, Chris Cruz (for Anne Sergeant), Susan Harrington, Courtney Karasinski (Vice Chair), Salvador Lopez-Arias, Hazel McClure, Amy McFarland, Jared Moore, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Chuck Pazdernik, Karyn Rabourn, Robert Talbert, Deana Weibel

**Absent:**

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

**Guests:** Jesse Bernal (VP for I & E and Chief of Staff); Kevin Carmody (Office of Civil Rights & Title IX); Bradford Dykes (Rapid Response Team); Anna Hammersmith (Rapid Response Team); Bob Hollister (Chair of FSBC); Aaron Lowen (AVP Provost Office, Ex-Officio LIFT-MC, and Rapid Response Team); Dwayne Tunstall (AD CLAS)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 15, 2023, was reviewed.	The Agenda of September 15, 2023, was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of ECS Meeting of September 8, 2023, were reviewed.	The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of September 8, 2023, were approved.
3. Report from Chair	<p>Chair Ngassa reminded senators about the upcoming faculty forums to be held in early October. He further reminded all that under Board of Trustees policy 4.2.10.2 all colleges are to report whether the deans are to attend their personnel committee meetings; so far, the University Libraries, College of Health Professions, and Padnos College of Engineering &amp; Computing have reported.</p> <p>He reported that the New Programs Council met this week on 9/13 and reviewed a prospectus for a minor in computing, intelligence, and values that was co-developed by PCEC and CLAS. Provost Mili will form a taskforce for the new program proposal.</p> <p>He further reported that a workshop from EAB is scheduled for next week, and reminded all that there is not a senate meeting on 9/22. The upcoming schedule and proposed agenda items were shared.</p>	

4. Report from Provost	<p>Provost Mili reported that an accreditation team for radiation therapy in CHP was on campus this week and she is always pleasantly surprised by the consistent messages from every group with how impressed they are by how caring and committed our faculty are.</p> <p>She further reported that the GVSU arts celebration opened last night with a Stephen Duren exhibition of which GVSU has 150 pieces of his work which is the largest public collection anywhere.</p> <p>The upcoming EAB workshop has 20 people each for morning sessions and for lunch with BIPOC faculty. In the afternoon, there will be an EAB session with the President’s Council. Provost Mili noted that there is room for many more participants in the morning sessions. She further highlighted that this is our second commitment in the strategic plan: a culture of educational equity. Her office will re-distribute information about this.</p> <p>Questions were addressed from the floor.</p>	
5. Report from Student Senate	No report	
6. Old Business	<p>Chair Ngassa provided an overview of the proposed Changes to the University Conduct Pool, SG 1.03.C.4., and reported that he and several others met with Student Affairs. At that meeting it was discovered there are things in their code of conduct that are not reflected in our shared governance documents. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the proposed Changes to the University Conduct Pool, SG 1.03.C.4 and forward to the UAS with a recommendation to support.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the proposed Changes to the University Conduct Pool, SG 1.03.C.4 and forwards it to the UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p><b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>
7. New Business	a. VP Bernal and Kevin Carmody provided highlights of the university efforts to respond to sexual misconduct complaints and employee movement between institutions that was distributed earlier. He noted that he was asked by President	

	<p>Mantella to join a group in MASU to adopt best practices. While there is still legislative action that needs to be taken, some Universities will need to consider taking on legal risk to share information.</p> <p>There was considerable discussion with a variety of scenarios discussed, including GVSU's policies/practices and state requirements. Questions were addressed from the floor.</p> <p>b. Rachel Campbell, Ama Hammersmith and AVP Lowen provided a review of the Rapid Response Team Report that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>c. Chuck Pazdernik presented highlights of the FARES II Task Force Recommendations that were distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support FARES II Task Force Recommendation #1 forward to the UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>d. Dwayne Tunstall provided an overview on Capturing DEI-AB Work in Digital Measures. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor. Dwayne will forward a written document to the Chair for distribution and placement on a future agenda.</p> <p>During Open Comment, it was noted that fair amount of gendered language is included on CSCE email. There are pockets of things on websites that also use gendered language, and at some point this should be looked at.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports FARES II Task Force Recommendation #1 and forwards to the UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p><b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p>
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.	