

Grand Valley State University
Executive Committee of the Senate Meeting
Minutes of September 24, 2021

Present: Yatin Bhagwat, Tara Corneilus, Susan Harrington, Chris Haven, Courtney Karasinski (Vice Chair), (Salvador Lopez-Arias joined at 4:30, Amy McFarland, Jared Moore, Autumn Mueller (Student Senate President), Felix Ngassa (Chair), Chuck Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Karyn Rabourn, Anne Sergeant, Agnieszka Szarecka, Robert Talbert, Lissa Tallman

Absent:

Ex Officio: Chris Plouff, Ed Aboufadel, Sonia Dalmia, Ellen Schendel

Guests: Jesse Bernal (VP for Inclusion and Equity & Chief of Staff to the President); Lisa Perhamus (Faculty Representative to Steering Committee of RH 2025); Mark Schaub (Dean of BCOIS and RH 2025 Steering Committee Co-Lead); Pat Smith (General Counsel); Janet Winter (Associate Dean KCON and RH 2025 Steering Committee Co-Lead)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 24, 2021 was reviewed.	The Agenda of September 24, 2021 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of ECS Meeting of September 17, 2021 were reviewed.	The Minutes of ECS Meeting of September 17, 2021 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair waived a report.	
4. Report from Provost	Interim Provost Plouff waived a report.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Mueller reported the fundraising competition begins this Sunday at 12pm and ends the upcoming Friday at 12pm. Student Senate has events planned for everyday next week, two that are catered for all community members are the Opening Bash on Monday from 11-7pm on the Kirkhof Lawn and the Mental Health Walk from 8-9am next Friday beginning at the Clocktower, the route is a mile long. Our beneficiary, Vonnie Woodrick will be speaking at both events.	
6. New Business	<p>a. Chair Ngassa led discussion with Mark Schaub, a member of the Steering Committee for RH2025. Questions were addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the request of the Reach Higher 2025 Steering Committee and recommend to UAS for endorsement.</p> <p>Chuck brought up that 8 members was not a majority because there are 16 voting members. Chair Ngassa then voted to support so there was a majority.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the request of the Reach Higher 2025 Steering Committee and recommend to UAS for endorsement.</p> <p>Supported with 9 YES votes, 2 NO votes and 5 ABSTAIN votes.</p>

	<p>b. Chair Ngassa led discussion with Jesse Bernal and Pat Smith regarding the Title IX process. Discussion and questions were addressed from the floor.</p> <p>c. Chair Ngassa led discussion regarding the Meaning and Consequence of ECS/UAS Endorsement. Discussion.</p> <p>OPEN COMMENTS</p> <p>At 5:00 pm a motion was made and seconded to extend 15 minutes.</p>	
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.	