

SUMMARY OF UAS BUSINESS FOR DECEMBER 4, 2020 MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Senate (ECS) met two times in November to discuss business of the University Academic Senate (UAS). These meetings were held on the following dates: November 13 and November 20. At these meetings, ECS acted within its powers as specified in our Shared Governance bylaws, acted on behalf of UAS or supported motions with recommendation to UAS. In preparation for the UAS meeting on December 4, I am sharing information on the following: (1) Recent Proposals Discussed by Senate Leadership and the Provost; (2) Non-Action Items on the Agenda for December 4; and (3) Action Items on the Agenda for December 4.

A. RECENT PROPOSALS DISCUSSED BY SENATE LEADERSHIP & THE PROVOST:

Information on Recent Proposals (per SG 1.01 Section 2.2):

- A proposal was submitted to the Provost to change the name of the “School of Computing and Information Systems” to the “**School of Computing**”. As per our Shared Governance Policies (SG 1.01.2.2.2.2), the Provost discussed this proposal with Senate Leadership, and I am now reporting that this proposal was approved by the Provost.
- A proposal was submitted to the Provost to change the name of the “Brooks College Office of Integrated Learning and Advising” to the “**Brooks College Advising Center**”. As per our Shared Governance Policies (SG 1.01.2.2.2.2), the Provost discussed this proposal with Senate Leadership, and I am now reporting that this proposal was approved by the Provost.
- Pursuant to our Shared Governance Policies (SG 1.01.2.2.1.2), the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) and the Graduate Council’s Curriculum and Program Review Subcommittee (GC) have reviewed the requests for a moratorium on admission to the following programs: B.A./B.S. in Religious Studies in the Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies (BCOIS); M.Ed. Literacy Studies, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Emphasis degree in the College of Education (COE); M.A. in Applied Linguistics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS). Both GC and UCC supported the requests and asked the Office of the Provost to place admission moratorium in effect as soon as possible. Subsequently, the Office of the Provost has informed Enrollment Development (ED) and Institutional Marketing (IM) that these programs will all be sunset via the regular Sail process at some point in the future. In the meantime, ED and IM are asked to stop recruiting and enrolling new students into these programs. The faculty in all three programs are currently “devising teach-out plans for currently enrolled students.” ED and IM are further asked to pull any marketing and recruitment web pages as well as information about these programs and the catalog copy temporarily until the official program changes go through the system.

B. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

The following non-action items will be discussed at UAS on December 4

- **Reach Higher 2025 Discussion Led by Steering Committee:** The faculty representatives in the Steering Committee of Reach Higher 2025 will lead a discussion with opportunity for UAS members to provide feedback.
- **Discussion on Program Review:** The Office of the Provost will be leading a discussion on a proposal for program review, with the opportunity for UAS members to provide feedback.
- **Discussion on Transfer Credit Policy Revision in GVSU Catalog:** The Registrar will be sharing the U.S. Department of Education final regulatory guidance on the topic of accreditation. The required effective date of the regulatory changes was July 1, 2020. *What is the main change of the new regulatory guidance to faculty? “The main change to faculty that this would entail is that students bringing in coursework from both regionally accredited and nationally accredited institutions would follow the typical transfer equivalency workflow with courses going to units for transfer equivalency determination. The decision for approval or denial of transfer equivalency, as always, would be at the unit level and would be based on the academic content of the course in question.”*

C. ACTION ITEMS:

ECS made specific motions on the following business items with a recommendation of support to UAS:

- Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) Memo: Consideration for Continuation of COVID-19 Temporary Academic Policies for Winter 2021 ([SHORE Log Number: 1196-2020](#))
- Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) Memo: Modifying the Class Attendance Policy to Include Student Bereavement Policy ([SHORE Log Number: 1191-2020](#))
- Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) Memo: Support of Alternative Methods to Compensate for Elimination of Spring Break in Winter 2021 ([SHORE Log Number: 1198-2020](#))
- Faculty Salary and Budget Committee (FSBC) Memo: Annual Salary Adjustment Request for 2020-2021 ([SHORE Log Number: 1195-2020](#))
- Faculty Salary and Budget Committee (FSBC) Memo: Faculty Teaching Load for Winter 2021 ([SHORE Log Number: 1197-2020](#))
- Online Education and Microcredential Council (OEMC) Memo: Revised Recommendation for Online/Hybrid Course Approvals in COVID-19 ([SHORE Log Number: 1194-2020](#))
- UAS Endorsement of a Letter from ECS in Support of the American Council on Education (ACE) Letter in Response to EO 13950.
- UAS Endorsement of the Rev. Dr. MLK Jr. Virtual Commemoration for Winter 2021.