

SUMMARY OF UAS BUSINESS FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2020 MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Senate (ECS) met twice this February to discuss business of the University Academic Senate (UAS). These meetings were held on the following dates: February 7 and February 14. At these meetings, ECS either acted on behalf of UAS or supported motions with recommendation to UAS.

A. ACTING ON BEHALF OF UAS:

ECS reviewed the following and acted on behalf of UAS (per SG 1.01 Section 3.1):

- ECS unanimously approved the creation of the Faculty Survey On Meaningful Service (FASOMS) Working Group. The goal of the working group is to design a survey to get faculty feedback on faculty governance committees, faculty workload and meaningful service. The feedback will be used to frame a comprehensive discussion on faculty workload, faculty governance committees, and meaningful service, when ECS meets for its annual spring/summer retreats in 2020.
- On November 1, 2019, President Mantella shared her *Reach Higher Together* imperatives with the GVSU BOT. Subsequently, after a series of collaborative gatherings (*Grand Huddle Series*), in which faculty, staff, students, alumni and other university stakeholders discussed and shared ideas on a broad range of topics, the President articulated her *Five Commitments* during the Grand Gathering on December 4, 2019. The UAS has aligned its goals and priorities to map onto the *Reach Higher Together* imperatives, and the *Five Commitments*. One of these commitments is to Build a “new liberal education” that expands experiential learning and ensure digital competency and entrepreneurial opportunities for all students. Towards the goal of addressing this commitment, the UAS is gathering contributions from faculty for the 2019-2020 Senate Newsletter, which is entitled “Liberal Education for the 21st Century”. All contributions should be sent to the Chair of ECS/UAS (ngassaf@gvsu.edu) and the deadline is March 30, 2020.

B. PENDING UAS ACTION:

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

- Graduate Council (GC) Memo on Policy for Uniform Course Numbering (SHORE [Log Number: 1112-2019](#)). This comes with a motion of support with recommendation from ECS.
- Online Education Council (OEC) Memo on Online/Hybrid Course and Program Proposal Review Process (SHORE [Log Number: 1052-2018](#)). This comes with a motion of support with recommendation from ECS.
- Online Education Council (OEC) Memo on Creation of Online Education and Microcredentialing Council (OEMC) and Proposed OEMC FH Language (SHORE [Log Number: 1109-2019](#)). This comes with a motion of support with recommendation from ECS.
- Online Education Council (OEC) Memo on Microcredential Approval Process (SHORE [Log Number: 1141-2020](#)). This comes with a motion of support with recommendation from ECS.