

SUMMARY OF UAS BUSINESS FOR MARCH 17, 2023 MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Senate (ECS) met three times in February 2023 to discuss business of the University Academic Senate (UAS). These meetings were held on the following dates: February 10, 17 & 24, 2023. 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 March 17, I am sharing information on the following: (1) Non-Action Items on the Agenda for March 17; and (2) Action Items on the Agenda for March 17.

1. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

The following non-action items will be discussed at UAS on March 17:

- **Campus Safety Update:** GVPD Chief Brandon DeHaan will be giving a presentation and leading a discussion on Campus Safety.
- **Review of Final Report and Recommendations of UAS/EIC Involvement with the Teach-In:** The faculty lead for the Teach-In, Karen Gibson, will share some feedback about the 2022 Teach-In and some recommendations for future Teach-Ins. There is a recommendation for sessions to be hybrid as much as possible for the future, as hybrid events were robustly attended online. Participation from UAS and Student Senate has declined over the years. There is a recommendation to reach out to other groups, such as social justice centers, I & E, and Student Affairs, to join UAS and Student Senate. There is a planning committee, but not a steering committee. There is a need to determine who has the authority to make decisions. The Teach-In is important, the event was created after a bias incident in student housing many years ago; faculty felt it was important. Many do not know this history.
- **Discussion on Required Course Materials and Student Success:** There will be a presentation and discussion on reporting required course materials in a timely manner led by the following: Cara Cadena (University Libraries); Tony Glaab (GVSU Laker Store); Lina Haas and Justin Hahs (GVSU Student Senate); Erica Hamilton (Provost's Office); Michelle Rhodes (Financial Aid); and Matt Ruen (University Libraries).

2. ACTION ITEMS:

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

- *Student Senate Memo on Student Wages:* Student Senate made a proposal to recompose the student wage classification charge and conducting a labor market analysis to all of the student positions in order to give a fair pay, and to add a taskforce to take care of the logistics.
- *Student Senate Memo on Credit/No Credit Policy:* Student Senate made a proposal that would move the deadline to choose to take a class for credit/no-credit to the 75% tuition

refund deadline. Student Senators met with the APSC chair, who said this would be fine as long as the Registrar has no issues. Student Senators met with the Registrar, who said if the deadline was pushed back there would be more time to process the applications. A question was asked about why not extend the deadline more, the answer was that applications need to be processed by time midterm grades and exams are due. It was noted that credit/no-credit doesn't change the course requirements, and some graduate schools may not look favorably on a lot of credit/no credit courses. It was also noted that students need to pass with a C for credit, not a C-, D+ or D.

- *Review of Proposal to Amend SG 2.05.2:* A proposal was made by the Office of the Provost, supported by the New Program/New Academic Unit Council (NPC), to remove the statement that new minors that consist solely of existing courses can be created by a program change request. According to the current proposal, all new prospectuses for any new program proposal should now go through the NPC so that they can be adequately resourced. The Deans need to review and endorse all new prospectuses before the NPC review. This new process will make the NPC review more successful.
- *Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC) Memo on FPPC Membership Update:* FPPC made a proposal that will result in a change in Shared Governance Policy (SG 1.02.d). In particular, FPPC proposed allowing the Associate Vice President for Human Resources to designate a representative to serve as an *ex-officio*, non-voting member in his stead.
- *Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC) Memo on Modification to SG 3.07.C:* FPPC made a proposal that will result in a change in Shared Governance Policy (SG 3.07.C) by adding the following language as item #2 on SG 3.07.C “The faculty member may request that unfairly prejudicial comments be redacted. This request is made in writing to the Unit Head. The decision to approve/disapprove the request will be made by the Unit Head, or a standing or ad hoc committee in the unit. This provision is intended to cover offensive, racist, sexist, homophobic, and other personal comments, and is not intended to exclude from the file negative comments directly related to the teaching of the course. A department decision not to remove specific comments may be appealed to the Dean of the College.”
- *Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory Committee (FFPAC) Memo on Facilities Services Membership:* FFPAC made a proposal that will result in a change in Shared Governance Policy (SG 1.02.c). Individuals from Facilities Services have worked with FFPAC for many years and Rence Meredith has been attending the meetings, which has worked well. Therefore, FFPAC would like to add a member of Facilities Services as *ex-officio*.
- *Affiliate Faculty Advisory Committee (AFAC) Memo on Affiliate Faculty Contract Length:* AFAC made a proposal that will result in a change in Affiliate Faculty Handbook (AFF 3.0), and Board of Trustees Policy (BOT 4.3.0). In particular, AFAC proposed adding that senior affiliates are eligible for contracts of up to six years and to change the senior affiliate promotion increment from \$1000 to \$5000, per the FSBC memo regarding this change.