

## SUMMARY OF UAS BUSINESS FOR OCTOBER 1, 2021 MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Senate (ECS) has met four times so far to discuss business of the University Academic Senate (UAS). These meetings were held on the following dates: September 3, September 10, September 17, and September 24. At these meetings, ECS acted within its powers as specified in our Shared Governance Policies, acted on behalf of UAS or supported motions with recommendation to UAS.

### A. ACTING WITHIN ITS POWERS OR ACTING ON BEHALF OF UAS:

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

- The draft charges to the Standing Committees (SCs) were reviewed in the presence of each SC Chair and the final charges approved. The final charges were sent to the SC Chairs and the log numbers of each of these charges have been entered in the [SHORE System](#).
- ECS reviewed the GVSU Graduation Honors Policy Proposal that was presented by AVP Suzanne Benet and University Registrar Pam Wells. In its discussion, ECS resolved to support the proposal and forward as a charge to the Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) to make recommendations on a specific policy.
- ECS reviewed the Equity and Inclusion Committee (EIC) report on diversity of faculty, staff, and students across colleges. After discussion and deliberation, ECS accepted the report and resolved to forward as a charge to the Equity and Inclusion Committee (EIC), Faculty Personnel Policies Committee (FPPC), and Laker Impression of Faculty Teaching Management Committee (LIFT-MC). The three committees were urged to review the report, determine which aspects of the recommendations were appropriate to suggest policy language, and work in collaboration if and when necessary.
- ECS reviewed the Equity in Personnel Processes (EPP) Task Force report and discussed the 11 recommendations that were proposed. After discussion and deliberation, ECS accepted the report and resolved to forward as a charge to the Equity and Inclusion Committee (EIC), Faculty Personnel Policies Committee (FPPC), and Laker Impression of Faculty Teaching Management Committee (LIFT-MC). The three committees were urged to review the report, determine which aspects of the recommendations were appropriate to suggest policy language, and work in collaboration if and when necessary.

### B. PENDING UAS ACTION:

ECS sets the agenda for UAS in the form of motions. Although motions come from ECS, it should not be considered a “done deal” because UAS (following Robert’s Rules) will have to act on these motions. The action from UAS is final. All ECS/UAS decisions are recommendations to the Provost and/or the President. ECS made specific motions on the following business items with a recommendation of support to UAS:

- Online Education and Microcredential Council (OEMC) Memo: Request for Membership Increase ([SHORE Log Number: 1209-2021](#)).
- Graduate Council (GC) Memo: Transfer of Credit to a Graduate Program.

- Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory Committee (FFPAC) Memo: Electricity and Power Access in Classrooms ([SHORE Log Number: 1170-2020](#)).
- FFPAC Memo: Sanitary Product Accessibility in Restrooms ([SHORE Log Number: 1167-2020](#)).
- FFPAC Memo: Active Learning Spaces ([SHORE Log Number: 1206-2021](#)).
- RH2025 Update and Request for Endorsement. UAS will be asked to endorse the current mission, vision, and values at the October 1 meeting. Faculty should share their perspectives on the mission, vision, and values with their UAS representatives prior to the meeting. There has been a perception from faculty that the work on the strategic plan has been a top-down process; however, the plan began with the old strategic plan and the Five Commitments from President Mantella, which emerged from faculty huddles. Many meetings were held with small-group break-outs, and the voices from those sessions were carried forward by the Steering Committee. The metrics and KPIs will be “fine-tuned” and developed at the College level in a bottom-up approach.