

Grand Valley State University
Executive Committee of the Senate
April 23, 2021

Online: Yatin Bhagwat, Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Tara Cornelius, Charles Pazdernik, Chris Haven, Courtney Karasinski, Salvador Lopez-Arias Jared Moore, Autumn Mueller (Student Senate President), Felix Ngassa (Chair), Elizabeth Psyck, Kathryn Remlinger, Georgette Sass, Anne Sergeant, Melanie Shell-Weiss, Agnieszka Szarecka, Joy Washburn, Karyn Rabourn, Lissa Tallman, Amy McFarland

Absent:

Ex Officio: Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel, Chris Plouff, Mark Schaub

Guests: Majd Al-Mallah (Faculty Representative to Steering Committee for RHT 2025); Tara Bivens (Senior Manager Benefits and RHT 2025 Steering Committee Co-Lead); Alisha Davis (Steering Committee of RHT 2025); (Dean of BCOIS and RHT 2025 Steering; Janet Winter (Associate Dean KCON and RHT 2025 Steering Committee CoLead)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of April 23, 2021 was reviewed.	The Agenda of April 23, 2021 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of April 16, 2021 were reviewed	The Minutes of April 16, 2021 were approved
3. Report from Chair	Chair Ngassa reported on the schedule and upcoming agenda items. The retreats will be scheduled in early May and early August.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile welcomed the new members to ECS and will miss the outgoing members.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Autumn Mueller reported that the final vice president was elected to the student senate cabinet. She further reported on upcoming initiatives for AY 2021-2022.	
6. New Business	<p>a. Members of the Reach Higher Together (RHT) 2025 Steering Committee provided an update and addressed questions from the floor.</p> <p>b. During the transition from ECS 2020-21 to ECS 2021-22, Lisa Surman Haight led the Elections for Senate Leadership for 2021-22. The statement for chair was distributed earlier and a call for nominations from the floor was made. A poll was conducted with Felix Ngassa re-elected chair for 2021-22. Two statements for vice chair were distributed earlier and call for</p>	

	<p>nominations from the floor was made. A poll was conducted with Courtney Karasinski elected vice chair for 2021-22.</p> <p>c. Chair Ngassa led discussion on retreat topics that were distributed earlier. Several more topic suggestions were made, including program review (August), what lessons were learned during the pandemic, improving communication within colleges (what can be shared with colleagues and when, etc), and enrollment decline.</p> <p>d. Chair Ngassa led discussion on Spring/Summer meetings. There is a sentiment of a general need to meet, but not weekly and not on Fridays. Several solutions were proposed, including scheduling regular meeting dates and cancel if there are items that can wait until later. Leadership will discuss further and propose steps forward.</p>	
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 3:52pm	