

Grand Valley State University  
University Academic Senate  
**Minutes of January 21, 2022**

- Present:** Majd Al-Mallah, Yatin Bhagwat, Adrian Copeland, Tara Cornelius, David Crane, Jason Crouthamel, Alisha Davis, Nancy DeFrance, Brian Deyo, John Gabrosek, Scarlet Galvan, Chris Haven, Barbara Hooper, Naoki Kanaboshi, Courtney Karasinski (Vice Chair), Salvador Lopez-Arias, Leifa Mayers, Marie McKendall, Alli Metz (for Arthur Campbell), Jared Moore, Oindrila Mukherjee, Autumn Mueller (Student Senate President), Felix Ngassa (Chair), Charles Pazdernik, Chris Pearl, Lisa Perhamus, Karyn Rabourn, Wil Rankinen, Kathryn Remlinger, Wendy Reffeor, Dawn Richiert, Mary Bower Russa, Gayle Schaub, Andrew Schlewitz (for Amy McFarland), Anne Sergeant, Ashley Shannon, Dianne Slager (for Susan Harrington), Paul Sicilian, Andrew Spear, Kevin Strychar, Agnieszka Szarecka, Robert Talbert, Lissa Tallman, Josh Veazy, Jeff Ward, Deana Weibel, Mingyu Wu
- Absent:** Azizur Molla, Alex Wilson, GSA President, two Student Senators
- Ex Officio:** Chris Plouff, Ed Aboufadel, Jen Drake, Sonia Dalmia, Paul Plotkowski, Christine Rener, Ellen Schendel, Sherril Soman
- Guests:** Donovan Anderson, Annie Bélanger, Tara Bivens (Senior Manager Benefits and RH 2025 Steering Committee Co-Lead); Jennifer Cymbola (Chair of AFAC; Standing Invitation to Attend UAS Meetings); MJ McConner, Kristin Meyer, Maxwell Ritchie, Mark Schaub (Dean of BCOIS and RH 2025 Steering Committee Co-Lead); Jennifer Schick, Joel Stillerman, Sara Wheeler (AP Executive Committee Liaison to UAS); Janet Winter (Associate Dean KCON and RH 2025 Steering Committee Co-Lead)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of January 21, 2022 was reviewed.	The Agenda of January 21, 2022 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of UAS Regular meeting December 3, 2021 were reviewed.	The Minutes of UAS Regular meeting of December 10, 2021 were approved.
3. Report from the Chair	<p>The Chair reported that the commemoration activities in honor of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. continue through January 22.</p> <p>He further reported that two interviews with Provost candidates were held this week, with two more scheduled for next week. All are invited to participate as their schedule allows, and the video of the presentations can be found online, as well as the feedback form.</p> <p>Submissions for the next Senate Newsletter “Adapting to Change and Reaching Higher Together” are due by March 28. Any questions can be sent directly to Chair Ngassa</p> <p>Two Faculty Forums are planned. One on Tuesday, February 22 from 10:30am to Noon and one on Wednesday, February 23 from 2:30pm to 4pm. Additional information will be distributed at a later date.</p>	
4. Report from the Provost	<p>Interim Provost Plouff reported that Winter ‘22 enrollment is down, but in line with what was expected.</p> <p>All faculty are invited to participate in the Provost search and provide feedback.</p> <p>The Title IX external review report has been received, and will be shared next week. A session will be held with the external reviewers and</p>	

	<p>then made available to the university community on a secure website. Follow-up meetings will be held in February.</p> <p>It was reported that a body believed to be that of a GVSU student who has been missing since October 29 has been found in the Red Cedar River in East Lansing; other students recently lost were commemorated.</p> <p>Questions were addressed from the floor.</p>	
5. Report from Student Senate President	<p>Student Senate President Mueller reported that the “State of the Student Body” will be next week in Cook-DeWitt Center.</p>	
6. New Business	<p>a. Co-Leads Mark Schaub, Tara Bivens and Janet Winter presented an update of RH2025 that was distributed earlier. Chair Ngassa thanked the co-leads for their work.</p> <p>Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to endorse the RH25 document.</p> <p>During Open Comments, questions were asked regarding the timeline for sharing the Title IX report.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate endorses the RH25 document.  <b>MOTION Approved: Yes 40; No 3; Abstain 3</b></p>
7. Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 3:46pm</p>	