

Grand Valley State University University Academic Senate Minutes of January 27, 2017

- Present:** Natalie Armstrong (for Ross Reynolds), Deborah Bambini, James Bell, Matthew Boelkins, Shawn Bultsma, Matthew Christians (for Chuck Pazdernik), Alisha Davis, Danielle DeMuth, Kurt Fanning, Shirley Fleischmann, Ella Fritzemeier (Student Senate President), Karen Gipson (Chair), Douglas Graham, Malayna Hasmanis (Student Senate), Christopher Haven, Jason Herlands, Jon Hodge, Beth Hopkins (Student Senate), Tyler Kanczuzewiski (for Fred Lawrence, Graduate Student Association President), Naoki Kanaboshi, Sok Kean Khoo (for Georgette Sass), Sean Lancaster, Jonathan Leidig, Claudia Leiras, Nancy Levenburg, Salvador Lopez-Arias, George Lundskow, Kin Ma, Douglas Montagna, Kristine Mullendore (for Jacquelynn Doyon-Martin) Harvey Nikkel, Felix Ngassa (Vice Chair), Mary O’Kelly, Sean O’Melia (Student Senate), Tonya Parker, Elizabeth Psyck, Karyn Rabourn, Kathryn Remlinger, , Samhita Rhodes, Dawn Richiert, Kevin Strychar, Melissa Tallman, Christopher Toth, Dan Vaughn, Jody Vogelzang, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel, Donald Zinman
- Absent:** Christina Beaudoin, James Sanford, Paul Sicillian, Jennifer Winther
- Ex Officio:** Gayle Davis, Maria Cimitile, Chris Plouff
- Guests:** Natalie Armstrong, Colleen Bailey, George McBane

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm and began with introductions

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of January 27, 2017 was reviewed.	The Agenda of January 27, 2017 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of December 2, 2016 were reviewed.	The Minutes of December 2, 2017 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that over 1,100 attended the Teach-In held on January 19, 2017. She reported on the work of the UPLIFT Taskforce and announced that the decile feature has been turned off on reports. She further reported on why the Affirmation of Inclusion is not included on the agenda and provided an update on the work of ECS in December and upcoming agenda items. Questions were addressed from the floor.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Davis reported that Kathy Gulembo and Jeff Musser will retire in June. Maria Cimitile and Chris Plouff provided an update on the Syllabus of Record initiative which has a deadline of October 1 for completion. Questions were addressed from the floor.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Fritzemeier reported on various initiatives the Student Senate is engaged in including a Mental Health awareness week in March, hosting post-election Town Halls and having “Pizza and Politics” events to continue dialogue. She announced that the Student Senate will review the Student Senate by-laws and constitution, and reported that the President’s Ball is next Friday, February 3.	

<p>6. New Business</p>	<p>a. Mary O’Kelly presented an overview of the University Library Faculty Assembly (ULFA) request regarding reassigned time and significant focus that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the University Library Faculty Assembly (ULFA) request regarding reassigned time and significant focus was voted on.</p> <p>b. Karen Gipson presented an overview of the CLAS Faculty Council request for minor Language changes to the Administrative Manual that were distributed earlier.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the CLAS Faculty Council request for minor language changes to the Administrative Manual was voted on.</p> <p>c. George McBane presented an overview of the Academic Policies and Standards Committee memo regarding Syllabus requirements and <i>Faculty Handbook</i> changes that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the Syllabus requirements and <i>Faculty Handbook</i> changes was voted on.</p> <p>d. Karen Gipson presented an overview of the recommended changes to the Academic Review Committee that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate recommending support of the changes to the Academic Review Committee was voted on.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the University Library Faculty Assembly (ULFA) request regarding reassigned time and significant focus. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Council request for minor language changes to the Administrative Manual. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Academic Policies and Standards Committee recommendations on Syllabus requirements and <i>Faculty Handbook</i> changes. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the changes to the Academic Review Committee. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
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	<p>e. Maria Cimitile presented an overview of the Distance Learning material that was distributed earlier, and highlighted specific areas for review. Mary O’Kelly provided additional information related to available University Libraries resources, and Maria noted that Information Technology is also available for help. Dr. Cimitile provided an update on the upcoming Higher Learning Commission visit and expected areas of focus. Questions were addressed from the floor.</p> <p>During Open Comments, Kin Ma thanked faculty, students and staff for participating in the MLK week activities. More in-depth questions were asked about online courses, and Maria Cimitile presented information from AACU. Salvador Lopez reported that two students who were supposed to present at a Teach-In session were not excused from class to do so. Don Zinman reported on a presentation regarding the Washington Center in February. George Lundskow asked for clarification regarding University Counsel’s response to faculty signing an Affirmation for Inclusion. Tonya Parker reported on a reimbursement process that is followed in CLAS.</p>	
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:23pm	