

Grand Valley State University  
University Academic Senate  
**Minutes of April 8, 2022**

**Present:** Majd Al-Mallah, Yatin Bhagwat, Mary Bower Russa, Adrian Copeland, Tara Cornelius, David Crane, Jason Crouthamel, Alisha Davis, Nancy DeFrance, Brian Deyo, Justin Frappier (Student Senator), John Gabrosek, Chris Haven, Barbara Hooper, Naoki Kanaboshi, Courtney Karasinski (Vice Chair), Salvador Lopez-Arias, Leifa Mayers, Marie McKendall, Alli Metz (for Arthur Campbell), Jared Moore, Autumn Mueller (Student Senate President, Oindrila Mukherjee, Bianca Munoz (Student Senator), Felix Ngassa (Chair), Charles Pazdernik, Chris Pearl, Lisa Perhamus, Karyn Rabourn, Wil Rankinen, Dawn Richiert, Gayle Schaub, Andrew Schlewitz, Anne Sergeant, Ashley Shannon, Diane Slager (for Susan Harrington), Paul Sicilian, Andrew Spear, Kevin Strychar, Robert Talbert, Lissa Tallman, Josh Veazey, Jeff Ward, Deana Weibel, Alex Wilson, Mingyu Wu

**Absent:** GSA President; 1 student senator, Scarlet Galvan, Marie McKendall, Azizur Molla, Kathryn Remlinger, Wendy Reffeor, Agnieszka Szarecka

**Ex Officio:** Chris Plouff, Ed Aboufadel, Suzeanne Benet, Bonnie Bowen, Sonia Dalmia, Paul Plotkowski, Christine Rener, Greg Sanial, Mark Schaub, Sherril Soman

**Guests:** Robert Adams, Kyle Boone, Martin Burg, Jennifer Cymbola, Elizabeth Flandreau, Hannah Seidel, Andrea Westdorp

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of April 8, 2022 was reviewed.	The Agenda of April 8, 2022 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of UAS Regular meeting March 18, 2022 were reviewed.	The Minutes of UAS Regular meeting of March 18, 2022 were approved.
3. Report from the Chair	Chair Ngassa reported that the ECS/UAS year-end report will be included in the Faculty Governance newsletter and the standing committee reports will be presented at the April 22 meeting. He further reported on the upcoming schedule and proposed agenda items, including chair and vice chair elections to be held on April 22. A retreat will be held in May and in August.	
4. Report from the Provost	Interim Provost Plouff reported that the dean search for KCON is underway and the CHP dean search concluded this week. He also reported on initiatives in the Provost Office including addressing retention, including students in jeopardy; strategic planning for the division; and, DEI work. He further reported that transition planning is underway to ensure a smooth transition when incoming provost Fatma Mili arrives in early July.	
5. Report from Student Senate President	Student Senate President Mueller reported that the last general assembly meeting was held with the newly elected body for AY 2022-2023 in place. She further reported that the leadership elections will be held next week.	
6. New Business	a. VP Greg Sanial provided a presentation on the University Budget and will share the power point with Chair Ngassa for broad distribution.  b. Kyle Boone led discussion on the FTIAC Residency Requirement and addressed questions from the floor.	

	<p>c. Chair Ngassa shared an overview of the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC) recommendation on the LIFT Charge that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to table discussion on the FPPC recommendation on the LIFT Charge until the summer retreat until the summer retreat. Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC) recommendation on the LIFT Charge was voted on.</p> <p>d. Chair Ngassa presented an overview of the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC) recommendation on Parental Leave for Faculty that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC) recommendation on Parental Leave for Faculty was voted on.</p> <p>e. Hannah Seidel presented an overview of the Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory Committee (FFPAC) recommendation on Former Report Review that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory Committee (FFPAC) recommendation on Formal Report Review was voted on.</p> <p>f. Hannah Seidel presented an overview of the Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory Committee (FFPAC) recommendation on Leadership and Succession Planning that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory Committee (FFPAC) recommendation on Leadership and Succession Planning was voted on.</p> <p>g. Robert Adams presented an overview of the General Education Committee (GEC) recommendation on Teaching About Systemic Racism that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate tables discussion on the FPPC recommendation on the LIFT Charge until the summer retreat.  <b>FAILED 6 Yes; 36 No; 0 Abstain</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate supports the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC) recommendation on the LIFT Charge.  <b>APPROVED 32 Yes; 9 No; 2 Abstain</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic Senate supports the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC) recommendation on Parental Leave for Faculty.  <b>APPROVED 41 Yes; 1 No; 1 Abstain</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic supports the Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory Committee (FFPAC) recommendation on Former Report Review.  <b>APPROVED 42 Yes; 1 No; 0 Abstain</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic supports the Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory Committee (FFPAC) recommendation on Leadership and Succession Planning.  <b>APPROVED 42 Yes; 0 No; 1 Abstain</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic supports the General Education Committee (GEC) recommendation on Teaching About Systemic Racism.  <b>APPROVED 31 Yes; 7 No; 5 Abstain</b></p>
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	<p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the General Education Committee (GEC) recommendation on Teaching About Systemic Racism was voted on.</p> <p>h. Martin Burg presented an overview of the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) recommendation on Representation by College that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) recommendation on Representation by College was voted on.</p> <p>i. Martin Burg presented an overview of the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) recommendation on Leadership and Succession Planning that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) recommendation Leadership and Succession Planning was voted on.</p> <p>j. Student Senate President Mueller presented an overview of the Student Senate Resolution to Create a Safety Barrier on the Little Mac Bridge that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the Student Senate Resolution to Create a Safety Barrier on the Little Mac Bridge was voted on.</p> <p>k. Student Senator Bianca Munoz presented an overview of the Student Senate Resolution to Print the Suicide Prevention Hotline Number on Student ID Cards that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the Student Senate Resolution to Print the Suicide Prevention Hotline Number on Student ID Cards was voted on.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic supports the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) recommendation on Representation by College. <b>APPROVED 39 Yes; 2 No; 1 Abstain</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic supports the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) recommendation on Leadership and Succession Planning. <b>APPROVED 42 Yes; 0 No; 1 Abstain</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic supports the Student Senate Resolution to Create a Safety Barrier on the Little Mac Bridge. <b>APPROVED 39 Yes; 4 No; 0 Abstain</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The University Academic supports the Student Senate Resolution to Student Senate Resolution to Print the Suicide Prevention Hotline Number on Student ID Cards. <b>APPROVED 40 Yes; 1 No; 1 Abstain</b></p>
c. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm	

