

Grand Valley State University
University Academic Senate
Minutes of October 1, 2021

- Present:** Majd Al-Mallah, Yatin Bhagwat, Arthur Campbell, Alice Chapman (for Jason Crouthamel), Adrian Copeland, Tara Cornelius, David Crane, Alisha Davis, Nancy DeFrance, Brian Deyo, John Gabrosek, Susan Harrington, Chris Haven, Barbara Hooper, Naoki Kanaboshi, Courtney Karasinski, Alexis Krichevsky (Student Senate), Salvador Lopez-Arias, Leifa Mayers, Amy McFarland, Azizur Molla, Jared Moore, Oindrila Mukherjee, Autumn Mueller (Student Senate President), Felix Ngassa (Chair), Jim O’Neil (Student Senate), Charles Pazdernik, Chris Pearl, Lisa Perhamus, Elizabeth Psyck, Karyn Rouborn, Wil Rankinen, Kathryn Remlinger, Wendy Reffeor, Dawn Richiert, Mary Bower Russa, Gayle Schaub, Anne Sergeant, Ashley Shannon, Paul Sicilian, Andrew Spear, Kevin Strychar, Agnieszka Szarecka, Robert Talbert, Lissa Tallman, Josh Veazy, Jeff Ward, Deana Weibel, Alex Wilson, Mingyu Wu
- Absent:** Marie McKendall, 1 student senate representative, Graduate Student Association President
- Ex Officio:** Chris Plouff, Ed Aboufadel, Suzeanne Benet, Sonia Dalmia, Ellen Schendel
- Guests:** Ellen Adams, Donovan Anderson, Annie Belanger, Jesse Bernal, Tara Bivens, Kathleen Blumreich, Lawrence Burns, Jeffrey Byrnes, Nick Ekstrom, Amy Ferdinandt Stolley, Mayra Fortes Gonzalez, Elizabeth Gansen, Carol “Griff” Griffin, Erica Hamilton, S. Johnson, Laurence Jose, Alisha Karabinus, Vinicius Lima, Kin Ma, Hazel McClure, Kristin Meyer, Janel Pettes Guikema, Dawn Rutecki, Elisa Salazar, Melanie Shell-Weiss, Joel Stillerman, Laura Stroik, Christopher Toth, Sara Wheeler, Janet Winter

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of October 1, 2021 was reviewed.	The Agenda of October 1, 2021 was approved as amended.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of UAS Regular meeting April 23, 2021 and UAS Special meeting August 5, 2021 were reviewed.	The Minutes of UAS Regular meeting April 23, 2021 and UAS Special meeting August 5, 2021 were approved.
3. Report from the Chair	Chair Ngassa provided an overview of the Academic Governance structure according to B-OT 3.1.4, and reported on several upcoming events, including Faculty Forums scheduled via Zoom for Wednesday, October 27 at 10am and Thursday, October 28 at 2:30pm; the 9 th Annual Teach- in on Wednesday, November 10 from Noon to 9pm in Grand Rapids and Thursday, November 11 from 8:30am-9pm in Allendale. The future meeting schedule and proposed agenda items were presented. Questions were addressed from the floor.	
4. Report from the Provost	Interim Provost Plouff reported that the Battle of the Valleys fundraiser with Saginaw Valley State University is drawing to an end and encouraged everyone to donate if they can.	
5. Report from Student Senate President	Student Senate President Mueller reported that the list of Student Senate guest speakers is on their website, and noted that there are still a few vacancies on Student Senate to be filled with an election next week. She also noted the Battle of the Valleys is drawing to a close and asked for	

	donations.	
6. New Business	<p>a. Tara Bivens introduced several members of the Human Resources team -- Nick Eckstrom and Gary Atkins. She reported on various initiatives underway or beginning soon, including a flu shot clinic, Thrive program, benefit plans and open enrollment.</p> <p>b. Eliza Salazar presented the resources available through her office as Employee Ombuds Officer.</p> <p>c. Mark Schaub presented an update of work of the Reach Higher 2025 committee and presented an overview of the material that was distributed earlier requesting an endorsement from University Academic Senate. Considerable discussion was heard with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to call the question. Motion failed.</p> <p>Discussion resumed on Reach Higher 2021 with comments and concerns noted. Additional questions were addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded and approved by consensus</u> to call the question.</p> <p>A poll was conducted asking for Endorsement of Reach Higher 2025.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made, seconded and approved by consensus</u> to extend the meeting for 10 minutes.</p> <p>d. The OEMC recommendation on a membership increase that was distributed earlier was discussed.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the Online Education and Microcredential Council (OEMC) recommendation on an OEMC Membership Increase was voted on.</p> <p>e. There was discussion on the Graduate Council recommendation on the Transfer of Credit to a Graduate Program that was distributed earlier.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate endorses the Reach Higher 2025 Strategic Plan. NOT APPROVED 25 No; 24 Yes</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Online Education and Microcredential Council (OEMC) recommendation on an OEMC Membership Increase. APPROVED by Consensus</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Graduate Council recommendation on the Transfer of Credit to a Graduate Program. APPROVED by Consensus</p>

	<p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to Graduate Council recommendation on the Transfer of Credit to a Graduate Program was voted on.</p> <p>f. The Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory Committee recommendation on Electricity and Power Access in Classrooms was presented. Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory Committee recommendation on Electricity and Power Access in Classrooms was voted on.</p> <p>g. The Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory Committee recommendation on Sanitary Product Accessibility in Restrooms that was distributed earlier was discussed.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory Committee recommendation on Sanitary Product Accessibility in Restrooms was voted on.</p> <p>h. The Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory Committee recommendation on Active Learning Spaces that was distributed earlier was discussed.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory Committee recommendation on Active Learning Spaces was voted on.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory Committee recommendation on Electricity and Power Access in Classrooms. APPROVED by Consensus</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory Committee recommendation on Sanitary Product Accessibility in Restrooms. APPROVED by Consensus</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory Committee recommendation on Active Learning Spaces in Restrooms. APPROVED by Consensus</p>
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:09pm	