

Grand Valley State University
University Academic Senate
Minutes of February 2, 2024

Present: Robert Adams, Salvador Arias-Lopez, Marshall Battani, Yatin Bhagwat, Adrian Copeland, Tara Cornelius, David Crane, Brian Deyo, John Gabrosek, Charles Ham, Chris Haven, Michael Henshaw, Susan Harrington, Barb Hooper, Naoki Kanaboshi, Courtney Karasinski (Vice Chair), Leifa Mayers, Amy McFarland, Marie McKendall, Figen Mekik, Azizur Molla, Jared Moore, Melissa Morison, Oindrila Mukherjee, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Chris Pearl, Linda Pickett, Quinten Proctor (Student Senate President), Wil Rankinen, Wendy Reffeor, Mary Bower Russa, Gayle Schaub, Anne Sergeant, Paul Sicilian, Andrew Spear, Kevin Strychar, Robert Talbert, Miriam Teft, Deana Weibel, Alexander Wilson, Jennifer Winther, Mingyu Wu, Richard Yidana

Absent:

Ex Officio: Fatma Mili, Ed Aboufadel, Stacie Behler, Bonnie Bowen, Jen Drake, Erica Hamilton, Sean Lancaster, Aaron Lowen, Paul Plotkowski, Jeff Potteiger, Christine Rener, Mark Schaub, Sherril Soman, B. Donta Truss, Kara Van Dam

Guests: Andy Beachnau, Chasity Bailey-Fakhoury, Paul Bylsma, Jeffrey Byrnes, Michele Coffill, Dan Cope, Jennifer Cymbola, Brittlund DeKorver, Jackie Doyon-Martin, Bradford Dykes, Aaron Eddens, Kurt Ellenberger, Scarlet Galvan, Karen Gipson, Denise Goerisch, Chris Grooms, Julie Henderleiter, Bill Herbst, Dylan Hoffius, Cameron Jones, Laurence Jose, Lynnette Keen, Kristen Krueger-Corrado, Kin Ma, Michelle McCloud, Hazel McClure, Justin Melick, Steve Nathaniel, Elisa Ortega-Schutz, Jennie Reed, Wendy Reffeor, Deb Sanders, Gayle Schaub, Betty Schaner, Melanie Shell- Weiss, Scott Stabler, Kathryn Stieler, Joel Stillerman, Richard Vallery, Danny Velez, Aaron Yore-VanOsterhout

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of February 2, 2024, was reviewed.	The Agenda of February 2, 2024, was approved as amended.
Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of UAS Regular meeting of December 1, 2023, were reviewed.	The Minutes of UAS Regular meeting of December 1, 2023, were approved.
Report from the Chair	The Chair provided a written report reminding faculty to look out for and participate in the COACHE survey. He shared some data on the Winter Census Report, which can be accessed by going to the Institutional Analysis website. The upcoming event dates for Democracy 101, February 28 and March 27, were shared.	
Report from the Provost	In the interest of time, Provost Mili will send her report to the Vice Chair and Faculty Governance Assistant for inclusion in the minutes.	
Report from Student Senate President	Student Senate President Proctor provided a written report sharing that last week, the Student Senate presented their new Constitution and Bylaws following the restructuring process last semester at the State of the Student Senate event. It went very well, and they are excited to get to work on implementing the changes made. The biggest changes include that the Student Senate President will run on a ticket with a Vice President, and they will be directly elected by the students at-large. Several seats will be divided proportionally between each college at GVSU	

	<p>during elections. This week, most of the time was spent preparing for Presidents' Ball.</p>	
<p>New Business</p>	<p>a. Provost Mili provided a PowerPoint Presentation on Academic Affairs Budget. Questions were addressed from the floor.</p> <p>b. Vice Provost VanDam shared an overview of the Presentation on Educating Adult Learners at Scale that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor. Additional questions can be sent to VP VanDam.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> for a written faculty response to the white paper.</p> <p>c. Scarlet Galvan shared a summary of the Test-Optional and Holistic Admission Task Force Report that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with multiple comments and questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made, seconded and agreed</u> by consensus to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.</p> <p>Discussion continued.</p> <p>The <u>Motion from ECS</u> to support the Test-Optional and Holistic Admission Task Force Report was voted on.</p> <p>d. Chair Ngassa presented an overview of the Proposed Changes to the Campus Life Committee that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>The <u>Motion from ECS</u> to support the Proposed Changes to the Campus Life Committee was voted on.</p> <p>e. Bradford Dykes provided an overview of the OEMC Recommendation on Faculty Course Approval that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>The <u>Motion from ECS</u> to support the OEMC Recommendation on Faculty Course Approval was voted on.</p> <p>f. Updates on the New Complaints and Grievance Process will be presented at the UAS meeting of March 15.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports creating a written response to the white paper. APPROVED with 34 YES</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Test-Optional and Holistic Admission Task Force Report. APPROVED with 35 Yes; 4 No; 2 Abstain</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Proposed Changes to the Campus Life Committee. APPROVED with 37 Yes; 0 No; 2 Abstain.</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the OEMC Recommendation on Faculty Course Approval. APPROVED with 25 Yes; 9 No; 3 Abstain.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="506 79 1329 147">g. A Presentation on the Bellamy Creek Program will be heard at the UAS meeting of March 15. <li data-bbox="506 180 1329 277">h. Discussion on the Proposed University Definition of Digital Literacy/Proposed Inventory Process will be heard at the next meeting. <li data-bbox="506 310 1329 407">i. Discussion on the FPPC Recommendation on Bias Statements for Students and Faculty Revised will be heard at the next meeting. 	
c. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:15pm	