

Grand Valley State University
University Academic Senate Special Meeting
Minutes of February 9, 2024

- Present:** Robert Adams, Kirk Anderson (for John Gabrosek), Salvador Arias-Lopez, Marshall Battani, Yatin Bhagwat, Adrian Copeland, Tara Cornelius, David Crane, Brian Deyo, Kurt Ellenberger, Paul Fishback (for Robert Talbert), Charles Ham, Chris Haven, Michael Henshaw, Susan Harrington, Barb Hooper, Courtney Karasinski (Vice Chair), Leifa Mayers, Marie McKendall, Figen Mekik, Azizur Molla, Jared Moore, Melissa Morison, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Chris Pearl, Linda Pickett, Quinten Proctor (Student Senate President), Mary Bower Russa, Gayle Schaub, Anne Sergeant, Paul Sicilian, Andrew Spear, Amy Ferdinandt Stolley (for Oindrila Mukherjee), Kevin Strychar, Miriam Teft, Deana Weibel, Jennifer Winther, Mingyu Wu, Richard Yidana
- Absent:** Wil Rankinen, Wendy Reffeor, Alexander Wilson
- Ex Officio:** Fatma Mili, Ed Aboufadel, Stacy Behler, Bonnie Bowen, Jennifer Drake, Mark Schaub, Christine Rener, Sherril Soman, Jackie Zhang
- Guests:** Suzeanne Benet, Jennifer Cymbola, Bradford Dykes, Cameron Jones, Laurence Jose, Justin Melick, Kathryn Stieler

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm as the Chair announced that a special UAS meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2024

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of February 9, 2024, was reviewed.	The Agenda of February 9, 2024, was approved as amended by moving 6.c to the top of the agenda.
Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of UAS Regular meeting of February 2, 2024, were reviewed.	The Minutes of UAS Regular meeting of February 2, 2024, were approved.
Report from the Chair	Chair Ngassa reported on the upcoming schedule and agenda items and reported the dates for Democracy 101.	
Report from the Provost	<p>Provost Mili expressed her appreciation of the concern and passion of the senators around the work presented last week. She offered clarifications that as pointed out in Lakers Ready, the Board of Trustees will not be voting on Educating Adult Learners at Scale. There is no specific action required by the board regarding this. President Mantella will provide an update and information about the work to our Board of Trustees while we work collectively to ensure quality while we serve our learners.</p> <p>She reiterated that this is not a new program. Adult Education will be expanding our offering and capacity (locations, modalities) of existing programs that have already been approved through shared governance. Any additional programs will be explored in collaboration with the colleges.</p> <p>While the administrative model has been defined, there is still ample room for input as this evolves which is why this was brought to UAS. Additionally, the adult education unit will not be in Academic Affairs, it is elevated to the president level to assure proper cross-institutional support to this important</p>	

	initiative. VP Van Dam will maintain deep connections with Academic Affairs	
Report from Student Senate President	Student Senate President Proctor reported that Student Senate is beginning its Spring elections process. Petitions to get on the ballot may now be circulated; if there are any students you believe would be good fits, please encourage them to run. He further reported that he has decided to run for re-election as Student Senate President and hopes to continue working with faculty governance next year.	
New Business	<p>a. Discussion was heard regarding a written UAS Response to the White Paper on Educating Adult Learners at Scale.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to fully accept the White Paper response. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to amend the original motion to include having the response available to all faculty. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to also send the response to the Senior Leadership Team and the Board of Trustees. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to Table items 6.b. and 6.c. until the next regular UAS meeting.</p> <p>b. There was no discussion on the Proposed University Definition of Digital Literacy/Proposed Inventory Process.</p> <p>c. There was no discussion on the Recommendations on Bias Statements for Students and Faculty Revised that was distributed earlier.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate fully accepts the White Paper response, having the response available to all faculty, send the response to the Senior Leadership Team and the Board of Trustees. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>MOTON: The University Academic Senate Tables items 6.b. and 6.c. until the next regular UAS meeting. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
c. Adjournment	Adjourned at 5:00pm	