

Grand Valley State University University Academic Senate Minutes of April 19, 2019

- Present:** Dan Balfour (for Naoki Kanaboshi), Christine Beaudoin, Yatin Bhagwat, Matthew Boelkins, Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Alisha Davis, Denise de la Rosa, Brian Deyo, Kurt Fanning, Shirley Fleischmann, Jon Hodge, Barbara Hooper, Dave Huizen, Brian Kipp, Tara Kneeshaw, Brian Lakey, Sean Lancaster, Salvador Lopez-Arias, Hazel McClure, Amy McFarland, Jared Moore, William Morison, Autumn Mueller (Student Senate 2019-20), Felix Ngassa (Chair), Charles Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Karyn Rabourn, Wil Rankinen, Kathryn Remlinger, Ross Reynolds, Samhita Rhodes, Jeffrey Rothstein (for George Lundskow), Jim Sanford, Georgette Sass, Melanie Shell-Weiss, Patrick Shan, Paul Sicilian, Eric-John Szczepaniak (Student Senate President 2019-20), Melissa Tallman, Christopher Toth, Joshua Veazey, Jody Vogelzang, Adrienne Wallace, Jeff Ward, Joy Washburn, Megan Wollar-Skar, Michelle Wooddell
- Absent:** Deborah Bambini, Courtney Karasinki, Harvey Nikkel, Gabriela Pozzi, Dawn Richiert, Kevin Strychar, Durwin Talon (for Deana Weibel), Jennifer Winther,
- Ex Officio:** Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel, Bonnie Bowen,
- Guests:** John Bender, Andrea Bostrom, Martin Burg, Gabriel Gottlieb, Jon Hasenbank, Bob Hollister, Eric Hoogstra, Anne Jbara, Andrew Lantz, Marie McKendall, Tom Pentecost, Matt Ruen, Christine Rener, Amy Schelling, Agnieszka Szarecka

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of April 19, 2019 was reviewed.	The Agenda of April 19, 2019 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of April 12, 2019 were reviewed.	The Minutes of April 12, 2019 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported that there is a reception immediately following the meeting. He further reported on the upcoming schedule and agenda items and presented the second annual edition of the Faculty Governance Newsletter. He identified the senators who were leaving Senate and thanked them for their service and introduced the new members. He announced the ECS retreats are scheduled for May 3 and July 30 and identified possible agenda items.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile reported that all the Faculty Conversations for this semester are complete and two themes were identified repeatedly - 1) GV has a different type of students than in the past with different needs, and 2) a general feeling of faculty being overloaded. More Faculty Conversations will be hosted in the fall. She further reported that over the summer the sabbatical language in the Board of Trustees Policies will be refined by removing the procedural language. The primary reason to remove the procedural language is to clean up and make the language clearer. Once removed,	

	<p>the procedural language will rest on the Provost Office website and in the online sabbatical system. In the summer, the Provost said her office will conduct an analysis of adjunct pay and report back to Senate in the fall.</p> <p>Commencement is coming up and senators are asked to attend as a show of support for students.</p> <p>The Provost thanked all senators for their work and shared what an honor it is to serve as Provost at Grand Valley.</p>	
5. Report from Student Senate	<p>Student Senate President Eric-John Szczepaniak introduced Autumn Mueller (Educational Affairs VP) and announced happenings from the Haasta La Vista farewell event for President Haas and distributed memorabilia.</p>	
6. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Felix Ngassa presented an overview of the FTLCAC Pilot Peer Observation Proposal that was distributed earlier, and reported that feedback will be compiled and will be channeled back to the committee. Additional comments can be sent to Chair Ngassa. b. Thomas Pentecost presented an overview of the OER-ACM Task Force Final Report that was distributed earlier. c. Eric Hoogstra presented an overview of the AFAC year-end report that was distributed earlier. d. Agnieszka Szarecka presented an overview of the APSC year-end report that was distributed earlier. e. John Bender presented an overview of the EIC year-end report that was distributed earlier. f. Andrew Lantz presented an overview of the FFPAC year-end report that was distributed earlier. g. Marie McKendall presented an overview of the FPPC year-end report that was distributed earlier. h. Bob Hollister presented an overview of the FSBC year-end report that was distributed earlier. Questions were addressed from the floor. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Christine Rener presented an overview of the FTLCAC year-end report that was distributed earlier. j. Andrea Bostrom presented an overview of the GC year-end report that was distributed earlier. Questions were addressed from the floor. k. Gabriele Gottlieb presented an overview of the GEC year-end report that was distributed earlier. l. Paul Sicilian presented an overview of the LIFT-MC year-end report that was distributed earlier. m. Amy Schelling thanked Robert Adams for all of his work as chair of OEC and UCC over the years. She further presented an overview of the OEC year-end report that was distributed earlier. Questions were addressed from the floor. n. Jon Hasenbank presented an overview of the UAC year-end report that was distributed earlier. o. Martin Burg recognized Robert Adams’ work on UCC over the past decade. He further presented an overview of the UCC year-end report that was distributed earlier. <p>Chair Ngassa thanked all the Standing Committee Chairs and the committees for their work</p>	
<p>7. Open Comment</p>	<p>The admissions staff are doing great work and Matt Boelkins reported that this year there is only a 9-student difference from admission data at this time last year.</p> <p>Ross Reynolds expressed his appreciation to the senators for the privilege of serving at UAS as he completes his final term upon retirement.</p> <p>Eric-John Szczepaniak updated faculty on a Student Senate resolution regarding LGBT non-discrimination and the awarding of contracts by the university.</p>	
<p>8. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 4:51pm</p>	