

Grand Valley State University University Academic Senate

Minutes of April 10, 2020

- Present:** Christine Beaudoin, Matthew Boelkins, Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Alisha Davis, Cheryl Dunn, Shirley Fleischmann, Gary Greer, Kathryn Haley (for Brian Deyo), Barbara Hooper, David Huizen, Naoki Kanaboshi, Courtney Karasinski, Tara Kneeshaw, Brian Lakey, Sean Lancaster, Salvador Lopez-Arias, George Lundskow, Hazel McClure, Amy McFarland, Jared Moore, William Morison, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Donald Paszek, Chuck Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck Karyn Rabourn, Wil Rankinen, Kathryn Remlinger, Dawn Richiert, Georgette Sass, Anne Sergeant, Christopher Shaffer, Patrick Shan, Melanie Shell-Wiess, Paul Sicilian, Kevin Strychar, Eric-John Szczepaniak (Student Senate President), Melissa Tallman, Christopher Toth, Joshua Veazey, Jody Vogelzang, Adrienne Wallace, Jeff Ward, Joy Washburn, Deana Weibel, Alexander Wilson, Megan Woller-Skar, Michelle Wooddell
- Absent:** Denise de la Rosa, Christina Lunn (GSA President), Donald Paszek, Wil Rankinen
- Ex Officio:** Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel, Ellen Schendel
- Guests:** Marie McKendall (Chair of FPPC); Amy Schelling (Chair of OEC)

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of April 10, 2020 was reviewed.	The Agenda of April 10, 2020 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of April 3, 2020 were reviewed.	The Minutes of April 3, 2020 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	Chair Ngassa reported that the Padnos College of Engineering and Computing notified him that they made changes to their committee structure as stated in the bylaws. He further reported on the work of ECS and presented upcoming calendar and agenda items.	
4. Report from Provost	Provost Cimitile reported she held two faculty conversations recently and the overall concern of faculty was about their students, as well as technology. She further reported that President Mantella has convened several virtual Town Halls and more scheduled; additionally, VP's will hold virtual office hours. Provost Cimitile also reported that parent concerns centered on Credit/No Credit and about faculty "ghosting" classes. She noted that a determination about summer classes (whether in-person or online) will be made by the end of April; commencement will be rescheduled for the fall semester. She also reported that enrollment is 8% lower at this point compared to last year at the same time. \$18 million from the Department of Education will be given to GVSU to help mitigate the cost borne by the university during the pandemic.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Szczepaniak reported that he forwarded the Student Senate Year-End report to the Board of Trustees. He also reported that over \$1 million has been saved by students using Open Education Resources. He thanked faculty for their continued engagement with students during the pandemic/stay-at-home orders.	
6. New Business	a. Marie McKendall presented an overview of the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee	

	<p>recommendation on Evaluation of Teaching that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A friendly amendment was made to change items #4 and #6 in the initial recommendation from FPPC and was projected on the screen, which changes # 4 and #6 to:</p> <p>4. <i>Approve 3.01 E-F to guide a year-long pilot that informs revisions for final ECS/UAS approval in Fall 2021.</i></p> <p>6. <i>“Conduct a pilot that includes several units of different sizes across different colleges in Fall 2020 and Winter 2021. Use Fall 2021 to assess results, make changes, and train faculty members. The program will begin university-wide in Winter 2022, and results will be used in personnel decisions starting Fall 2022 pending ECS/UAS approval”</i></p> <p>Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendation on Evaluation of Teaching was voted on.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded to extend</u> the meeting for 20 minutes and approved by consensus.</p> <p>b. Amy Schelling provided an overview of the Online Education Council recommendation on the Chair position and overall membership composition that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the Online Education Council recommendation on the Chair position and overall membership composition was voted on.</p> <p>c. Amy Schelling provided an overview of the Online Education Council recommendation on the Pilot Micro-Credential Process Approval Proposal that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>motion</u> forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Senate to support the Online Education Council recommendation on the Pilot Micro-Credential Process Approval Proposal was voted on.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports amending items #4 and #6 as presented at the meeting. APPROVED 39 Yes 5 No 0 Abstain</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendation on Evaluation of Teaching as amended. APPROVED: Yes 32; No 11 ;Abstain 2</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Online Education Council recommendation on the Chair position and overall membership composition. APPROVED: Yes 42; No 2; Abstain 1</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Online Education Council recommendation on the Pilot Micro-Credential Process Approval Proposal. APPROVED: Yes 34; No 7; Abstain 1</p>
7. Open Comment	Provost Cimitile thanked everyone for their work.	
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:20PM	