

Grand Valley State University
University Academic Senate
Minutes of March 15, 2024

- Present:** Salvador Arias-Lopez, Marshall Battani, Yatin Bhagwat, Adrian Copeland, Tara Cornelius, David Crane, Brian Deyo, Kurt Ellenberger, John Gabrosek, Riley Gessler (Student Senate), Charles Ham, Chris Haven, Michael Henshaw, Susan Harrington, Barb Hooper, Thomas Johnstone (Student Senate), Courtney Karasinski (Vice Chair), Leifa Mayers, Marie McKendall, Azizur Molla, Jared Moore, Melissa Morison, Oindrila Mukherjee, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Chris Pearl, Lisa Perhamus (for Naoki Kanaboshi), Linda Pickett, Quinten Proctor (Student Senate President), Wendy Reffeor, Matt Ruen, Mary Bower Russa, Gayle Schaub, Anne Sergeant, Paul Sicilian, Andrew Spear, Annah Stang (Student Senate), Kevin Strychar, Robert Talbert, Miriam Teft, Rich Vallery (for Figen Mekik), Deana Weibel, Alexander Wilson, Jennifer Winther, Mingyu Wu, Richard Yidana
- Absent:** Robert Adams, Amy McFarland, Wil Rankinen
- Ex Officio:** Fatma Mili, Ed Aboufadel, Jennifer Drake, Erica Hamilton Sean Lancaster; Jeff Pottieger, Christine Renner Mark Schaub, Bob Smart
- Guests:** David Austin, Larry Burns, Jeffrey Byrnes, Megan Cai, Kevin Carmody, Jennifer Cymbola, Alisha Davis, Michael Dewitt, Will Dickenson, Gwenden Dueker, Bradford Dykes, Tim Evans, Paul Fishback, Elizabeth Flandreau, Marcia Frobish, Elizabeth Gansen, Karen Gipson, Jennifer Glaab, Tony Glaab, Chris Grooms, Raymond Higbea, Cameron Jones, Tessa Jordan, Laurence Jose, Jerry Kenney, Marlene Kowalski-Braun, Chris Kurby, Brian Lakey, Kin Ma, Josita Maouene, Michelle McCloud, Justin Melick, Elisa Ortega-Schultz, Jim Penn, Gabrielle Pozzi, Joel Quamme, Jeff Rothstein, Matt Ruen, Amy Russell, Deb Sanders, Michael Santana, Ellen Schiller, Mary Smith, Kathryn Stieler, Joel Stillerman, Victoria Stubbs, Waxio Sun, Sandra Tardani, Greg Thull, Dwayne Tunstall, Kathleen VanderVeen, Daniel Vannier, Jeroen Wagendorp, Keith Watts, Mikhila Wildey, Michael Wolfe, Lourdes Yen

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

1. Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
2. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of March 15, 2024, was reviewed.	The Agenda of March 15, 2024, was approved as amended by removing item 8.c.
3. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of UAS Regular meeting of February 16, 2024, were reviewed.	The Minutes of UAS Regular meeting of February 16, 2024, were approved.
4. Report from the Chair	Chair Ngassa reminded senators that the theme for the 2024 UAS Newsletter is “The Role of Shared Governance in Co-Creating Laker Readiness,” and the deadline to submit an article is April 1 st . He further reported that the next Democracy 101 event is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, and that the COACHE Faculty Survey will remain open until Friday, April 5. The upcoming schedule and proposed agenda items were shared, noting that April 5 will be a full UAS meeting with April 19 being half ECS and half UAS. There will not be a senate meeting on April 12 due to the Reach Higher Showcase. Senate Leader elections are on April 19.	
5. Report from the Provost	Provost Mili reported that this week three candidates were interviewed for the position of Dean of the Padnos College of Engineering. She thanked the search committee co-led by Mark Schaub, Dean of BCOIS and Christina Keller, CEO Cascade Engineering. Their visits went very well, and she appreciates the level of engagement and participation from the faculty and staff and the members of the community at large. A switch in rooms	

	<p>was needed to accommodate the larger than expected attendance to their talks.</p> <p>Their resumes and information are still posted at gvsu.edu/pcsearch. Everyone is encouraged to provide feedback.</p> <p>Next week three candidates for the college of computing will be interviewed. The information is at https://www.gvsu.edu/computingsearch/</p> <p>She has been working with Philip Batty in Institutional Analysis to create estimates of enrollments, courses, majors for the next 5 years. This information will be used to determine the resources needed by the students, the faculty, and staff to support the well-being and success of the students and the well-being and success of the faculty and staff.</p> <p>As her office will be iterating on these models with Institutional Analysis, they will be constructing a first draft of the resources needed and funding priorities. She will connect with the deans and provost cabinet and will engage with shared governance as soon as we have a template with concrete scenarios.</p>	
<p>6. Report from Student Senate President</p>	<p>Student Senate President Proctor reported that the Student Senate recently passed legislation to extend library hours on the weekend before final exams week, following conversations with University Libraries.</p> <p>Elections for next-year's Student Senate begin on Monday, March 18th at 8am and close at 5pm on Monday, March 25th. Please encourage students to vote in the elections!</p>	
<p>7. Old Business</p>	<p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to Un-table items 7a and 7b for discussion.</p> <p>a. Felix thanked the Task force and FPPC for their patience. Erica Hamilton thanked those on the committee and provided an overview of the Proposed University Definition of Digital Literacy/Proposed Inventory Process that was distributed earlier. Discussion and questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>The <u>Motion from ECS to support</u> the Proposed University Definition of Digital Literacy/Proposed Inventory Process was voted on.</p> <p>b. Kathryn Stieler provided an overview of the FPPC Recommendation on Bias Statements for Students and Faculty Revised that was distributed earlier was voted on. Discussion.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Proposed University Definition of Digital Literacy/Proposed Inventory Process. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the FPPC Recommendation on Bias Statements for Students and Faculty Revised. APPROVED Unanimously</p>

<p>8. New Business</p>	<p>The <u>Motion from ECS to support</u> the FPPC Recommendation on Bias Statements for Students and Faculty Revised was voted on.</p> <p>a. Chair Ngassa provided highlights of the Creation of Test-Optional and Holistic Admissions Task Force 2 that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Creation of Test-Optional and Holistic Admissions Task Force 2. Further discussion.</p> <p>During discussion, senators shared names of possible task force members including: Nick Baine, Keigh-Cee Bell, Matt Boelkins, Ranelle Brew, Cathy Buyarski, Shabbir Choudhuri, Jennifer Cymbola, Jen Drake, Chasity Baily-Fakhoury, Brian Hatzel, Bob Hollister, Jennifer Jameslyn, Sal Arias-Lopez, Jakia Marie, Amy Masko, Ernest Park, Christine Rener, Mike Saldana, Andrew Spear, Amy Ferdinandt Stolley, Quincy Williams. Additional representatives from First Year Experience faculty and Nursing faculty should be included.</p> <p>Senators can send additional names to Chair Ngassa by Wednesday, March 20.</p> <p>b. Chair Ngassa led discussion on the Statement of Concern Document on Admission that was distributed earlier. Questions were addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to send the modified statement of concern to the Provost and President and with amendments. Further discussion.</p> <p>During discussion, amendment language was agreed upon to add to the Statement of Concern. The new motion voted on is:</p> <p>“The University Academic Senate will send the modified statement of concern to the Provost and President and are requesting an immediate increase in the number of tenure-track lines, particularly in areas with lots of large sections serving first and second-year students.”</p> <p>Mary Bower Russa, Andrew Spear, Chris Pearl, Bob Hollister and Anne Sergeant have volunteered to meet with the Senate Chair,</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Creation of Test-Optional and Holistic Admissions Task Force 2. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate will send the modified statement of concern to the Provost and President and are requesting an immediate increase in the number of tenure-track lines, particularly in areas with lots of large sections serving first and second-year students. APPROVED 31 Yes; 6 No; 7 Abstentions</p>
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	<p>Vice Chair, Provost, President and VP for Enrollment when appropriate.</p> <p>c. Senior AVP Aboufadel provided an overview of the New Complaints and Grievance Process. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor</p> <p>A <u>motion was made, seconded, and approved by consensus</u> to extend the meeting by 20 minutes.</p> <p>d. Marlene Kowalski-Braun, Alisha Davis, and Sean Lancaster provided a presentation on the Inclusion & Equity Strategic Framework. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>e. Bob Smart provided an overview of the Policy on Establishing, Reviewing, and Discontinuing Academic Centers, SG 2.06 & 1.03.B.14 that was distributed earlier, and thanked the committee members. Discussion.</p> <p>The <u>Motion from ECS to support</u> the Policy on Establishing, Reviewing, and Discontinuing Academic Centers, SG 2.06 & 1.03.B.14 was voted on.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Policy on Establishing, Reviewing, and Discontinuing Academic Centers, SG 2.06 & 1.03.B.14 Unanimously Approved.</p>
9. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:08pm	