

RHT 2025 Steering Committee

# Meeting Agenda

*Tuesday, 10 Nov. 2020*

Note: We plan to record the zoom meeting for future reference

# President Mantella: review of charge to committee (see attachment)

1. Introductions of committee members (please keep your introduction brief: name/role @ GVSU
2. Coordination w/ three parallel strategy task forces: IT, SEMP, NoA (Network of Advisors)
3. Timeline for remainder of 2020
   1. Steering Committee meetings (3 more before Winter Break)
      1. Week of 19 Nov. (TBD)
      2. Week of 30 Nov. (TBD)
      3. Week of 14 Dec. (TBD)
   2. RHT Town Halls on Thursday, Dec. 3
      1. GVSU staff listening session (10:00 to 12:00 pm) Discussion leaders:
      2. GVSU faculty listening session (3:00 to 5:00 pm) Discussion leaders:
   3. Student stakeholder groups
      1. Student Senate listening session
      2. Other student listening sessions
   4. Stakeholder groups and listening sessions
   5. Univ. Academic Senate (UAS) on Friday, Dec. 4 (3-5 pm) Discussion leaders:
4. Benchmark for DRAFT Values statement: wk. of 14 Dec.
5. Thoughts on current GVSU Values: what seems to be emerging since the 2016 version; what do we need to be intentional about emphasizing or de-emphasizing? Current (2016-2021) statements below:

## MISSION

Grand Valley State University educates students to shape their lives, their professions, and their societies. The

university contributes to the enrichment of society through excellent teaching, active scholarship, and public service.

## VISION

Grand Valley State University demonstrates its commitment to providing an inclusive learning environment where all students can explore new directions, find their niches, and develop skills for life and productive careers. Grand Valley is known for increasingly innovative and outstanding teaching, recognized scholarship, significant community

engagement, and excellent stewardship of its resources. Our university inspires and equips students to be active life- long learners and global citizens. Grand Valley strives to be a model public university shaping leaders for success.

## VALUE STATEMENT

At Grand Valley State University, the primary focus is on the success of students. To that end, the principles of liberal education permeate all programs and areas of study. This broad educational perspective provides students with the

general knowledge and transferable skills necessary to positively influence their communities, their professions, and the broader world.

The institution is characterized by and known for its superior student-centered teaching and learning. Students acquire new knowledge and explore its application through artistic expression, scholarly activity, and active engagement in a variety of communities - to students we are a big university with a small college feel.

Our mission, vision, and strategic outcomes reflect the seven core values that define students, faculty and staff

members. These core values provide a foundation and framework for all of Grand Valley's decision-making processes.

We use them as a touchstone in developing the strategies and tactics that lead to the attainment of the institutional outcomes and strategic priority areas and objectives of our strategic plan. We translate our values into actions

institution-wide; they are reflected in the policies, practices, and assessments we implement every day. These core values are described as follows:

### *EXCELLENCE*

Grand Valley State University values excellence in all aspects of its enterprise. Our students'levels of performance in learning, scholarship, and community service; our stewardship of resources; our regular assessment and refinement of instructional and operational processes; and our shared dedication to excellence compel us to strive for exemplary and responsible outcomes in all that we do. Within our academic community, we individually and collectively celebrate our successes and the difference our commitment to excellence makes to individuals and communities in West Michigan, the state, the nation, and the world.

### *INTEGRITY*

Grand Valley State University values honesty, fairness, and openness in its actions, transactions, and

communications. Our emphasis on integrity compels us to respect and teach the fundamental tenets of a liberal education which remain central to our identity and reputation. We moreover value the incorporation of ethics into

critical thinking and decision making institution-wide. The value we place on integrity underscores our intention to be trustworthy, dependable, and adhere to legal and regulatory requirements; we aspire to set an example for others in our words and actions. Our stakeholders and the public can count on Grand Valley to make wise decisions and carry them out transparently and with fidelity to the university's mission and vision for its future. As members of the Grand Valley community we hold ourselves accountable to each other, the institution, and the broader public that we serve.

### *INQUIRY*

Grand Valley State University values inquiry, which encourages the lifelong pursuit of knowledge to improve the human condition and expand our understanding of the world. Consistent with our historical commitment to liberal education, we invest our resources to promote intellectual growth, creativity, scholarship, and critical thinking in our students, our faculty and staff, and the communities we serve. We promote global education and an internationalization of our

curriculum that celebrates and encourages intellectual exploration, open discourse, and the unfettered expression that characterizes the academy. We celebrate and promote freedom of speech as foundational to the creation and

dissemination of knowledge in every discipline. We are committed to learning as a means of preparing individuals for academic success, meaningful careers, and exemplary community service.

### *INCLUSIVENESS*

Grand Valley State University values all identities, perspectives, and backgrounds and is dedicated to incorporating multiple voices and experiences into every aspect of its operations. We believe that diversity competencies are an

intellectual asset and that a range of thoughtful perspectives and a commitment to open inquiry strengthens our liberal education tradition. We recognize that the long-term viability of the institution depends upon anticipating and meeting the needs of emerging constituent groups, especially our changing student body. Therefore, the institution seeks to

include, engage, and support diverse groups of students, faculty and staff members, as well as community members. Grand Valley is committed to strengthening our living, learning, and working environment by recognizing and removing the barriers to full participation and providing a safe, inclusive, vibrant community for all.

### *COMMUNITY*

Grand Valley State University values its connections to, participation with, and responsibility to local communities, West Michigan, the state, the nation, and the world. We value the collaboration of faculty members, staff members, and students with external partners in addressing mutual interests and community needs. The university offers the

communities it serves resources and inspiration in their own lifelong pursuit of knowledge. Faculty and staff members are encouraged to contribute their expertise and service working in partnership with communities. Students are

encouraged to take part in various service learning and volunteer opportunities in their communities and abroad. To foster and expand these community connections, the institution and its members promote, value, and honor diverse perspectives.

### *SUSTAINABILITY*

Grand Valley State University values the guiding principles of sustainability in helping to meet the current needs of our faculty members, staff members, and students without compromising the needs and resources of future generations.

We are committed to working with our community partners to create a sustainable future for our university, our community, our region, our state, our nation, and the world. We model applied sustainability best practices in our

campus operations and administration, education for sustainable development, student involvement, and community engagement by promoting social responsibility, practicing fiscal responsibility, and encouraging environmental

stewardship. We provide our students with excellence in education for sustainable development by imbedding theory, systems-oriented thinking, and service learning into our curricular and extracurricular programs.

### *INNOVATION*

Grand Valley State University encourages and appreciates innovation. We value entrepreneurship and integrative interdisciplinary collaboration that solves local, regional, and global problems and advances the common good. We strive for the development of innovative products, systems, and services that contribute to improvements in the

wellbeing of individuals and our world. We trust that scholarship and the new knowledge it produces are worthy of our investments in their creation and proliferation. We manage our resources and structure our university to encourage

new ideas, creativity in all its forms, and novel approaches to answering the most important and challenging questions of our time.