

AP COMMITTEE

November 2025 Newsletter

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2025-2026 Meetings with Campus Partners

The AP Committee meets with campus partners each year to discuss questions, ideas, and goals. Please contact your AP Executive Committee Representative if you have any questions or wishes regarding communication between AP Committee and Campus Partners. [Find your representative on our website.](#)

As of this newsletter, the AP Committee has met with:

- **Dr. Robert Shorty**, Vice President for People, Equity, and Culture. [Learn more about Dr. Shorty.](#)
- **Dr. Jennifer A. Drake**, Provost and Executive Vice President for the Division of Academic Affairs. [Learn more about Dr. Drake.](#)
- **Representatives from Data & Analytics.** [Learn more about Data & Analytics at GVSU.](#)
- **Representatives from Reach Higher Together.** [Learn more about Reach Higher Together.](#)
- **Representative from Intercollegiate Athletic Advising.**

You can learn about our Campus Partner meetings by reviewing the [AP Executive Committee published meeting minutes.](#)

Reach Higher Together: You told us what matters to you.

Earlier this year, the Reach Higher Collaborative Leadership Network engaged with groups across the university to gather thoughts and feedback on challenges and opportunities.

More than 7,500 people provided 30,000+ comments and insights, which were used to identify the top [themes and trends](#) from throughout our GVSU community. Throughout the summer, all comments were synthesized, and the network worked together to make meaning of them, creating a common data set for continued planning and guidance.

Where are we now?

The insights are being used to enhance our university commitments and divisional and cross-divisional planning. Strategic planning continues this fall, with the new plan launching in early 2026. Afterward, the insights will shape our strategic priorities as we collaboratively determine the steps to implement the plan.

Read more about the top trends in the [Insights Report](#) and learn more about [Reach Higher Together](#).

Contact the Executive Committee

Want to reach us? The AP Committee Website has a place where you can send comments, questions, or initiate conversations with members and representatives. The form is online and can remain anonymous, if you wish.

Submit your comments or questions by filling out this form

AP Awards Subcommittee

Save the Date! The AP Awards Ceremony

April 21, 2026 @ 12pm-1:30pm, Valley Campus, Grand River Room, KC

AP Professional Development Subcommittee

Professional Development Opportunity

Session Name: The Art & Science of Feedback

What happens in our brains and to our bodies when we receive feedback? What's the best way to deliver feedback? How can I be more open to receiving feedback? We will explore these questions and more in this fast-paced workshop designed to provide insights and skill-building around the giving and receiving of feedback in the workplace. Come prepared to engage in equal parts self-reflection and fun.

Presented by HR Business Partner team members Kristen Evans, Emily McGavin and Kolby Williamson

When: Wednesday, December 3, 1:00pm-2:30pm

Where: Kirkhof 2266.

Competencies: Fosters Inclusive & Equitable Community, Acts with Integrity, Emotionally Intelligent, Well-Being Oriented

[Learn more Here](#)

Register in Workday Learning

AP Social Justice Subcommittee

Facing Food Insecurity?

If you are facing food insecurity, use [this map from Feeding America](#) to find support and resources near you. If you cannot find resources that fit your needs, please reach out to Mimi Sperl, Assistant Director of the Center for Women and Gender Equity, at sperl@gvsu.edu.

GV Generosity and Support

The GV community offers multiple ways for us to support each other. Please see the opportunities below:

Giving Tuesday and Replenish

Replenish Basic Needs Center is a food pantry on Allendale campus for students, staff and faculty.

Message from CWGE: Every day, more of our students are turning to the Replenish Basic Needs Center, our on-campus food pantry, for help meeting essentials like food and hygiene items. With changing circumstances, we're seeing that need grow, and Replenish is working hard to meet it.

As faculty and staff, we know how much effort our students put into balancing classes, work, and life. Your support helps ensure that no Laker has to face hunger or hardship

alone.

That's why we are kicking off our [Giving Tuesday](#) campaign early. **Your gift today will make an immediate difference during this critical time.** You can also support this effort by [donating to our food drive](#) now through December 4.

With appreciation,

Mimi Sperl

Replenish Basic Needs Program

Assistant Director of the Gayle R. Davis Center for Women & Gender Equity

Food for Fines from University Libraries

With the interruptions to SNAP benefits nation-wide, GVSU is focusing this Day of Giving to support [Replenish Basic Needs center](#). And the University Libraries is getting in on the giving: **from November 4-December 2, if you donate 5 food items, the Library will forgive your fines or a student's fines depending on your preference!**

Donations can be dropped off at the following library locations. Swing by the front desk to drop off your items and have your book fines forgiven!

Valley Campus: Mary Idema Pew Library

City Campus: Steelcase Library

City Campus: Frey Foundation Library

[Learn more about Food for Fines here.](#)

Donations can include:

- Shelf-stable pantry items
- Personal hygiene
- Household goods

Message from Human Resources

Partnering with United Way to Support Our Community

At Grand Valley, we know what it means to show up for one another. Whether it's supporting a student, stepping in to help a colleague, or lending a hand in our community, Lakers care. That's why we are proud to once again partner with United Way to support our neighbors across the region. Through November 30, Lakers can help fund housing support, mental health services, food access, youth mentorship, and more. [Learn more](#) about the United Way campaign and [give today](#).

Message from IT

Quick Reminders from GVSU IT's Technology Acquisition Team

As you plan upcoming technology or office supply purchases, here are a few helpful reminders to keep your process smooth and compliant:

Use the CDW-G and Staples Punchouts in Workday

CDW-G and Staples punchouts are available in Workday, offering an easy way to order approved tech accessories and office supplies at competitive prices. In Workday, [simply create a requisition](#) and connect to the supplier website to start shopping.

Check Our Regularly In-Stock Tech Items

Before placing an order, be sure to review the list of [commonly stocked technology items on the Technology Acquisition website](#). You may find what you need is already kept on hand for quick fulfillment.

Review the Technology Acquisition Policy

A quick policy check can save time. The [Technology Acquisition Policy](#) outlines required steps for tech purchases, including mandatory IT approval for anything involving local or cloud-based storage or similar services.

These resources help ensure purchases are efficient, cost-effective, and aligned with university requirements. If you have questions, the [Technology Acquisition team](#) is always here to help.

Message from Academic Affairs

Lakers Ready Newsletter

Lakers Ready is an email sent to faculty and staff in the Division of Academic Affairs. Announcements of initiatives, events, or updates may be submitted by colleges, units, or individuals. [You can read archived issues here.](#)

2025-2026 AP Committee Priorities from AP Survey Data

Based on participation in the AP Survey administered in June 2025, the AP Committee has developed a list of priorities for focused advocacy efforts. [Please review the summarized survey findings and list of AP Committee priorities for the 2025-2026 year.](#)

Summary of 2025 AP Survey Data: AP Committee Priorities

Browse all past AP Communication documents.

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