



AP Newsletter

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AP Executive Committee

RSVP for the AP Forum 2026

When: May 5th, 3:00PM-5:00PM

Where: LIB Multipurpose Room (Valley Campus)

Event Description:

The AP Committee is hosting a collaborative forum featuring round table discussions with AP from across the university, as well as the Senior Leadership Team. The AP Committee will provide discussion topics and guiding questions designed to encourage open dialogue, idea-sharing, and meaningful connections. This event is intended to be an exploratory and engaging space for learning, collaboration, and strengthening communication across campus.

The forum serves as an opportunity for AP staff across all levels to share their perspectives on the actions needed to live out the university's commitments outlined in Reach Higher Together. By elevating the voices of AP staff, we aim to foster inclusive engagement and ensure that those closest to the work help inform and shape institutional priorities.

Seats are limited due to space requirements.

AP Forum RSVP Here

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 here.](#)
- **Representative from Intercollegiate Athletic Advising.**
- **Jessica Weare**, Vice President and General Counsel. [Learn more about The Hub: Updates & Resources Related to Federal and State Landscapes here.](#)
- **Stacie R. Behler**, Vice President and Chief Public Affairs and Communications Officer, Secretary to Board of Trustees. [Learn more about The Hub: Updates & Resources Related to Federal and State Landscapes here.](#)
- **Representative from Human Resources.** [Learn more about Human Resources here.](#)
- **Representatives from Office of the Employee Ombuds.** [Learn more about the Office of Employee Ombuds here.](#)
- **Representatives from Human Resources.** Learn more about [PEC Strategic Plan](#) as well as [HR Talent Management](#)

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

IN THE KNOW:

You are Represented

The **AP Executive Committee** is made up of administrative professionals, voted onto committee by their peers, who are responsible for advocating FOR YOU.

You can email your representative directly if you'd like more information about their role, the work of the committee, or if you have thoughts/questions you'd like them to

know.

AP Professional Development Committee

The AP Social is back!

Join us to build connections and network with fellow AP staff members from across the university. Come when you can and stay as long as you like.

Appetizers will be provided. Beverages will be available for purchase.

If you RSVP, please plan on attending. We use the RSVP number to plan for food.

- **When:** Wednesday, May 6 from 3:00PM-6:00PM
- **Where:** New Holland (Barrel Stave East Loft room) in Grand Rapids (417 Bridge St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504)

Please RSVP by Monday, May 4th

RSVP Here

AP Awards Committee

AP Awards Ceremony - Thank you!

The AP Awards Committee would like to extend a huge "thank you" to everyone who attended and celebrated with their colleagues, to everyone who made the event such a success, and to everyone who was nominated or nominated someone.

Our community is rich with talent, and celebrating together really highlights the type of support and achievements the AP group offers to each other and the University.

See *the [GV Forum Article about the AP Awards Winner, Kate Harmon, and others](#)*

AP Salary and Benefits Committee

Feedback or Questions? Reach Out!

This committee has been focused on drafting a memo related to charges of the year.

If you have ANY questions about salary/benefits topics or would like to share feedback with the committee, please feel free to reach out to **Jon Dean, Chair, for more information @ deanjona@gvsu.edu**

Message from...

Information Technology (IT)

Submit Your Proposal for 2026 GV Tech Summit

SUBMIT PROPOSAL BY JUNE 30, 2026

Mark your calendar for the GV Technology Summit on November 3, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Kirkhof Center on the Valley (Allendale) Campus.

Have you been part of a project or technology initiative worth sharing? Consider presenting at the Summit. We welcome proposals from faculty, staff, and students.

Presentation formats include breakout sessions, roundtable discussions, and poster presentations. Submissions are due by June 30, 2026.

GV Tech Webpage: gvsu.edu/it/summit

[Proposal Submission Form](#)

Upcoming PD Opportunities from IT

- [Practical Ways to Enhance your PowerPoint Presentation, 5/20/26, 1 pm - 2 pm](#)
 - [20 Microsoft 365 Tips To Work Smarter, Not Harder, 5/27/26, 1 pm - 2:30 pm](#)
 - [Time-Saving Tips In Outlook, 6/3/26, 1-2pm](#)
 - [Microsoft Excel Formulas & Functions \(Part 1\), 6/17/26, 1 pm - 2 pm](#)
 - [Microsoft Excel Formulas & Functions \(Part 2\), 6/24/26, 1 pm - 2 pm](#)
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Academic Affairs

Updates: Lakers Ready

Academic Affairs posts news and updates regularly with Lakers Ready. [Learn more at their website.](#)

Campus Connections

Whether you're new to GVSU or you've been here a while, there's always something new to learn or some group to join!

Dads Network: Join Today!

The GVSU Dads Network is a welcoming community for dads across campus to connect through the joys and challenges of fatherhood. This group is about building community, sharing stories and advice, and supporting one another. No expectations, just connection and conversation. If you're looking to build community with other dads on campus – as a brand-new dad, a seasoned pro, or somewhere in between – this group is for you.

Interested in being part of the GVSU Dads Network? Add your contact info below to stay updated.

Dads Network Interest Form

GV Cooking Network: Join Today!

Whether you're cooking indoors or firing up the grill/smoker, come share recipes, tips, and what you're making.

Reach out to Jon Dean for more information @ Jonathan Dean, deanjona@gvsu.edu

GVSU Cornhole Tournament

The [GVSU Cornhole Tournament](#) is *back* for its 6th year on Tuesday, May 19. It's time to start practicing your throws! Join us for some friendly competition and your chance at earning the title of **2026 GVSU Cornhole Champions**. 🏆

Find a teammate, create a team name (put those puns to work!), and [secure your spot!](#)

Tournament Details

- Date: Tuesday, May 19
 - *Rain date: Tuesday, May 26*
 - Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - Location: Lawn outside of Mary Idema Pew Library (near the Clocktower)
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GVSU Board of Trustees Meetings and Minutes

The GVSU Board of Trustees meet regularly throughout the year, and you can watch, participate, or read about it later.

[Learn about our BOT Here](#)

[Review Meeting Dates and Minutes](#)

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.

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