

UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC SENATE (UAS)

The University Academic Senate (UAS) is the highest faculty governance body. It has the authority to deal with any academic issue or faculty concern. It makes recommendations to the Provost and/or President regarding such matters as curriculum, the academic organization of the university, faculty personnel policy, the budget, and other issues considered relevant to academic affairs.

STUDENT REPRESENTATION

The Student Senate selects five members, including the Student Senate President and four representatives in accordance with written Student Senate constitution and bylaws. Student members serve one year terms.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC SENATE

1. Curriculum: All proposals regarding graduation requirements or regarding new programs and majors must be acted upon by the UAS before they can take effect. This includes any initiative emerging from a nonacademic unit that involves academic credit.
2. The Academic Organization of Grand Valley: Proposals regarding the addition or elimination of colleges, divisions, schools, departments, institutes, centers, libraries, or academic service units must be acted upon by the UAS. Because initiatives involving academic credit may likely affect the quality or integrity of an academic program, all such initiatives shall be reviewed and acted upon by the appropriate academic governance bodies according to their established governance procedures. This shall occur regardless of whether the initiative originated in an academic unit or a non-academic unit.
3. Faculty Personnel Policy: All proposed changes in the faculty personnel policy of Grand Valley must be acted upon by the UAS.
4. Other Matters: The UAS also makes recommendations regarding budget matters and other issues which are considered relevant to academic matters. Individual grievances, however, are not the proper domain of the UAS.