

Grand Valley State University
Executive Committee of the Senate Meeting
Minutes of July 10, 2024

Present: Nicholas Baine, Krista Benson, Yatin Bhagwat, Susan Harrington, Chris Haven, Paris Lawton (Student Senate VP for Quinten Proctor), Salvador Lopez-Arias, Hazel McClure, Figen Mekik, Felix Ngassa, Ernest Park, Tonya Parker, Chuck Pazdernik, Karyn Rabourn, Rahat Rafiq, Anne Sergeant, Kevin Strychar, Deana Weibel
Absent: Jennifer Cymbola, Jennifer Winther
Ex Officio: Fatma Mili, Ed Aboufadel
Guests: Kara Van Dam

The meeting was called to order at 12 Noon.

| Agenda Items | Discussion | Action / Decision |
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| ❖ Approval of Agenda | The Agenda of July 10, 2024, was reviewed. | The Agenda of July 10, 2024, was approved. |
| ❖ Report from Chair | Chair Karasinski reported that she and Vice Chair Sergeant are working on the standing committee material and will be meeting with each standing committee chair in August. | |
| ❖ Report from Provost | Provost Mili reported that she just completed her two years at GVSU and shared her admiration for all that faculty do and their commitment to students. She reported that effective August 1, 2024, she will be stepping down as Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. Senators extended their gratitude for her leadership and that she will be missed. | |
| ❖ Report from Student Senate | Student Senate Vice President Lawson reported that preparations are underway for the upcoming school year. | |
| ❖ New Business | a. AVP Aboufadel provided an overview and context of the work of the task force over the summer; the documents distributed earlier are a result of that work and noted that since then, the president and provost submitted a joint response. VP Van Dam thanked all for their work creating a set of shared expectations and prioritizing students. She extended her thanks to Jackie Abeta for her help. | |

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| | <p>Other members of the task force who were in attendance shared their thoughts on the task force.</p> <p>Discussion ensued with questions addressed regarding faculty concerns about Omni, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Why Omni isn't under Academic Affairs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How the courses offered will be staffed and what will workload/workflow look like ▪ How evaluation of faculty will be handled ▪ If intellectual property and course material will be safeguarded. ▪ Will have a consistent experience at Omni courses and GVSU offerings ➤ Vital that structures are in place for transparency. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Create an advisory committee – if created by ECS it should report to ECS; otherwise, it could function as a complement to another standing committee – still would need to report to ECS. ➤ Will enrollment be adequate to support Omni? ➤ Formalization of budget: how will budget be set; what is pay for adjuncts? ➤ ECS / UAS needs to be proactive communicating to the faculty-at-large. <p><u>A motion was made, seconded and approved by consensus</u> to extend the meeting for 15 minutes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion continued.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the report. After further discussion, the motion was TABLED.</p> <p>AVP Aboufadel, and Senator Ngassa left the meeting so discussion</p> | <p>The Executive Committee of the Senate extends the meeting for 15 minutes. APPROVED by Consensus</p> <p>The Executive Committee of the Senate TABLES further discussion on Omni. APPROVED by Consensus</p> |
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| | <p>around Provost Mili’s resignation could begin. Provost Mili was asked to remain so questions could be asked of her.</p> <p>Provost Mili reported that President Mantella appointed Jen Drake as Acting Provost for two years. Numerous questions were addressed from the floor. Provost Mili was thanked for her support of faculty.</p> <p>Provost Mili left the meeting.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made, seconded and approved by consensus</u> to extend the meeting for 15 minutes.</p> <p>Additional concerns were raised, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Future provosts need to have classroom experience ➤ Relationship with president and past provosts ➤ Trust and stability are needed ➤ Transparency in what orders the acting provost is given ➤ Regain power that provost position has lost ➤ Lack of access to social functions with SLT and BOT | <p>The Executive Committee of the Senate extends the meeting for 15 minutes.</p> <p>APPROVED by Consensus</p> |
| 6. Adjournment | The meeting adjourned at 1:28pm | |