

Grand Valley State University
Executive Committee of the Senate Meeting
Minutes of September 13, 2024

Present: Nick Baine, Krista Benson, Yatin Bhagwat, Jennifer Cymbola, Susan Harrington, Chris Haven, Courtney Karasinski (Chair), Salvador Lopez-Arias, Hazel McClure, Ernest Park, Tonya Parker, Chuck Pazdernik, Quinten Proctor (Student Senate President), Karyn Rabourn, Rahat Rafiq, Gayle Schaub (for Hazel McClure), Anne Sergeant (Vice Chair), Kevin Strychar, Deana Weibel, Jennifer Winther

Absent: Figen Mekik

Ex Officio: Ed Aboufadel, Cathy Buyarski, Felix Ngassa

Invited Guests: Tim Born, Kathleen VanderVeen

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 13, 2024, was reviewed.	The Agenda of September 13, 2024, was approved, as amended.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of August 30, 2024, were reviewed.	The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of August 6, 2024, were approved.
3. Report from Chair	<p>Chair Karasinski reported that detailed notes from the prior meetings will continue to be distributed on Tuesdays. She also noted that the annual Teach-In is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13 (Grand Rapids) and Thursday, November 14 (Allendale). Proposals are due on October 20.</p> <p>Two faculty forums are scheduled for Wednesday, October 16 from 2:30p-4:00pm and Thursday, October 17 from 10am to 11:30am. The Zoom link for each will be posted on the Faculty Governance website.</p> <p>The Chair reported that the New Programs Council met, and she met with Emil Delgado regarding the data advisory committee. She further presented the upcoming calendar and proposed agenda items, noting a meeting is not scheduled for September 20</p> <p>Questions addressed from the floor, including a request to create “onboarding” material for new senators.</p>	

<p>4. Report from Provost</p>	<p>AVP Aboufadel reported that the provost sends her regrets for not being at the meeting; however, she is meeting with constituents in Traverse City.</p> <p>An edition of the Michigan State University “The Black Book” was passed around for review which could serve as a model at GVSU.</p> <p>He further reported that the Affiliate Faculty Advisory Committee (AFAC) met and noted that SHORE is an acronym for SHared Objectives REporting.</p> <p>The Fall Break is listed on the schedule and faculty are asked to treat it like spring break, meaning with that with few exceptions homework should not be given.</p> <p>The COACHE survey was completed in winter semester, with the findings received in August. On Tuesday, September 24 a preview report will be available with a summary of strengths and concerns; a cover memo is being drafted now before presentation to ECS. The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) has already seen the full report.</p> <p>AVP Aboufadel referenced an email sent yesterday from President Mantella reporting that enrollment is down slightly from last year. All enrollment data is on the Institutional Analysis website.</p>	
<p>5. Report from Student Senate</p>	<p>Student Senate President Proctor reported that Student Senate is currently ramping up for the year and finalizing their recruitment and onboarding process for the semester. He is working on getting students appointed to University Committees and intend to have more participation from Student Senate on this.</p> <p>Student Senate discussed ways students use artificial intelligence (AI) at their meeting last night with many positive and negative uses discussed. Most students seem to use AI in academics somewhat regularly. Mr. Proctor met with VP Jenny Hall-Jones regarding a bill to create a Student Legal Services Department and will be looking to create a taskforce to discuss this further.</p> <p>He met with Chair Karasinski to discuss the partnership between Student Senate and faculty governance, among other topics, and is looking forward to working with faculty governance this year.</p>	
<p>6. Old Business</p>	<p>a. Chair Karasinski opened the floor for discussion on creating a Multi-Year Taskforce on Evaluation of Teaching. The Faculty Teaching & Learning Committee Advisory Committee (FTLCAC) made recommendations. Over the last years faculty fora were on the evaluation teaching.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate Tables further discussion on creating a Multi-Year Taskforce on Evaluation of Teaching until the next meeting. APPROVED with 1 Abstention</p>

	<p>During lengthy discussion, clarity was asked for on what is sought by creating a taskforce, and what the mission would be. Several requests were made to have a statement crafted of “why we are doing this” to create campus-wide buy in.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to Table further discussion on creating a Multi-Year Taskforce on Evaluation of Teaching until the next meeting.</p> <p>b. Deana Weibel provided an overview of the status on the Taskforce on Faculty Support of Student Voting. Several names were proposed to serve on the task force, including a member of SLT. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to forward the Taskforce on Faculty Support of Student Voting to UAS for nomination and election of members.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the Taskforce on Faculty Support of Student Voting to UAS for nomination and election of members. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
7. New Business	<p>a. Interim Dean Tim Born provided highlights of the changes needed in Board of Trustee Policies due to the split of PCEC into PCE and CoC that were distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the changes needed in Board of Trustee Policies due to the split of PCEC into PCE and CoC and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>b. Associate Vice President for Inclusion and Equity Kathleen VanderVeen provided an update on the Title IX and Pregnancy Policy, noting that most issues deal with accommodating needs, and that the policy is already posted online. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Title IX and Pregnancy Policy.</p> <p>c. Chair Karasinski shared the University Technology Committee Policy on AI and noted that Milos Topic will be at UAS on Sept 27 to answer questions. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor. It was noted that numbers 1-4 of the policy are okay, but numbers 5 and 6 are suspect. Senators are asked to send comment to the Chair by 5pm on Monday, September 16 so she can synthesize the comments and forward to VP</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the changes needed in Board of Trustee Policies due to the split of PCEC into PCE and CoC and forwards them to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Title IX and Pregnancy Policy. APPROVED Unanimously</p>

	<p>Topic.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made, seconded and approved</u> by consensus to move items 6.d through 6.f to old business at the next ECS meeting.</p> <p>d. Discussion on OEMC recommendation on Faculty Certification for Online/Hybrid Teaching moved to October 4 meeting.</p> <p>e. Discussion on OEMC recommendations on Multiple-Modality Course Delivery moved to October 4 meeting.</p> <p>f. Discussion on the SHGR Taskforce Charges moved to October 4 meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Propose recommendations for potential changes to the Faculty Governance Structure that are consistent with the demands of the Senate (BOT 3.1.4.1) and its standing and other associated committees. In addition, make recommendations with attention to recent changes to and restructuring of the President’s cabinet. ii. Discussion on Benefits for Fertility Treatments 	
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm	