Grand Valley State University

Executive Committee of the Senate Meeting

**Minutes of October 11, 2024**

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

**Absent:**

##### Ex Officio: Jen Drake, Ed Aboufadel, Aaron Lowen

##### Invited Guests: Chasity Bailey-Fakhoury, Teresa Beck, Leifa Mayer, Melissa Morison

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The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

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| **Agenda Items** | **Discussion** | **Action / Decision** |
| 1. Approval of Agenda | The Agenda of October 11, 2024, was reviewed. | The Agenda of October 11, 2024, was approved. |
| 1. Approval of Minutes | The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of October 4, 2024, were reviewed. | The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of October 4, 2024, were approved as amended. |
| 1. Report from Chair | Chair Karasinski reported that Teach-In proposals are due on October 20 for the event on Wednesday, November 13 (Grand Rapids) and Thursday, November 14 (Allendale).  She reported that there are faculty fora scheduled on Artificial Intelligence (AI) via Zoom on Wednesday, October 16 and Thursday, October 17. The links are posted on the Faculty Governance website.  The upcoming calendar and agenda items were shared, with a reminder that there is not a meeting on Friday, October 18, and Fall Break is set for Monday, October 21 and Tuesday, October 22. A New Program Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23.  She further reported that feedback in response to the University Technology Council AI Policy was sent to VP Topic.  Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor related to the AI policy response and possible next steps, and ways to familiarize the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) with faculty governance. |  |
| 1. Report from Provost | Acting Provost Drake reported that SLT is focused on the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting on Friday, October 18.  She further noted that she attended the FinLit event presented by 5/3 Bank, and that Provost Cabinet met with Kara VanDam, executive director of OMNI, regarding credit bearing degrees offered via OMNI or by colleges, and that deans will bring ideas back to a November meeting to develop a shared vision.  Additionally, the 2nd of 3 presentations on Gray DI was held, with all session posted online, with follow-up workshops.  Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor. |  |
| 1. Report from Student Senate | Student Senate President Proctor reported that Student Senate is planning a "Student Solutions Summit" to engage with students across campus.  They are working to promote the Teach-In and encouraging students to vote in the upcoming national election, with the Student Senate President drafting a letter to students to help promote the vote. Their work continues setting up the taskforce to investigate creating a Student Legal Services Department.  Questions addressed from the floor. |  |
| 1. Old Business | * 1. Chair Karasinski provided an overview of the Faculty Appointments to Omni Collaborative Advisory Group (OMAG) that was distributed earlier. Robust discussion, with questions addressed from the floor related to the relationship between the OMAG and the Omni Operational Team (OOT). Names of nominees to recommend to the task force can be sent to Chair Karasinski. |  |
| 7.New Business | 1. Vice Chair Anne Sergeant provided a brief update on Workday Student implementation and led discussion about factors to consider when renaming semesters and answered questions from the floor.  Additional comments about strengths and weaknesses of the proposed semester naming can be send to Vice Chair Sergeant. 2. Chair Karasinski provided an overview of the CECI Personnel Policies that were distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.   A Motion was made and seconded to support the CECI Personnel Policies and forward to UAS consent agenda with a recommendation to support. 3. Teresa Beck provided an overview of the FPPC recommendation on CHP CPC Representation that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.   A Motion was made and seconded to support the FPPC recommendation on CHP CPC Representation and forward to UAS consent agenda with a recommendation to support. 4. Melissa Morison provided an overview of the FPPC recommendation on Review of BOT 4.2.7 that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.   A Motion was made and seconded to send back to FPPC to combine with new charge from 2024-25. 5. An overview was provided of the FPPC recommendation on Release Time and Faculty Evaluation that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.   A Motion was made and seconded to support the FPPC recommendation on Release Time and Faculty Evaluation and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.   A Motion was made, seconded and approved by consensus to Table all remaining items except for discussion on Faculty Fora for AI.  A Motion was made, seconded and approved by consensus to extend the meeting by 15 minutes to allow for discussion on faculty forums.   1. Chair Karasinski led discussion on Faculty Fora on AI and addressed questions from the floor: She will moderate the forums and expects Christine Rener and Sean Lancaster to assist with questions. 2. Discussion Tabled on FPPC recommendation on Optimum Membership. 3. Discussion Tabled on FPPC recommendation on Faculty Awards in Personnel Processes and Annual Evaluations. 4. Discussion Tabled on FPPC recommendation on External Advocate in Personnel Processes. 5. Discussion Tabled on FPPC recommendation on Core Competencies and Implications in Faculty Policies and Processes. | **MOTION:**  The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the CECI Personnel Policies and forwards it to the UAS consent agenda with a recommendation to support.  **APPROVED Unanimously**  **MOTION:**  The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the FPPC recommendation on CHP CPC Representation and forwards it to the UAS consent agenda with a recommendation to support.  **APPROVED Unanimously**  **MOTION:**  The Executive Committee of the Senate sends this back to FPPC to combine with new charge from 2024-25.  **APPROVED Unanimously**  **MOTION:**  The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the FPPC recommendation on Release Time and Faculty Evaluation and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support **APPROVED Unanimously** |
| 8. Adjournment | The meeting adjourned at 5:20pm |  |