

Grand Valley State University
Executive Committee of the Senate Meeting
Minutes of November 15, 2024

Present: Nick Baine, Yatin Bhagwat, Jennifer Cymbola, Kurt Ellenberger (for Krista Benson), Susan Harrington, Chris Haven, Courtney Karasinski (Chair), Salvador Lopez-Arias, Gwyn Madden, Hazel McClure, 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, Felix Ngassa

Invited Guests: Amy Campbell, Chair, Graduate Council; Erica Hamilton, ex officio, Graduate Council

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of November 15, 2024, was reviewed.	The Agenda of November 15, 2024, was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of November 8, 2024, were reviewed.	The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of November 8, 2024, were approved.
3. Report from Chair	Chair Karasinski reported that all memos will be caught up after next week. Lisa Surman provided data on the Teach-In reporting there were 1,269 participants over two days. The calendar and upcoming agenda items were shared.	
4. Report from Provost	Acting Provost Drake reported that Provosts Cabinet has been immersed in the College of Engineering dean search, and the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) discussed the COACHE survey and what the next steps will be; additional information will be forthcoming after the steering committee reviews the document. Meetings were held with college leadership teams, as well as various senate committees. Questions were addressed from the floor, and updates were provided on Blue Dot and HSA; Dr. Robert Shorty, VP for People, Equity and Culture will be invited to a senate meeting soon.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Proctor reported that Student Senate is preparing for the Student Solutions Summit on Thursday, November 21st from 5-6:30pm in the Pere Marquette room, and asked that all encourage students to attend this event. The goal is to directly engage with students and student leaders across campus to hear their	

	<p>concerns/priorities and to talk about what Student Senate has been doing; food will be provided.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Student Senate Cabinet met with the Senior Leadership Team and had a very productive meeting.</p> <p>Lastly, they helped promote the Teach-Ins and excited that it went well.</p>	
6. New Business	<p>a. AVP Ngassa provided an overview of the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) recommendation on Research Intensive Course (RIC) Designation Review Process that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the UCC recommendation on Research Intensive Course Designation review process and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>b. Amy Campbell provided an overview of the Graduate Council recommendation on Culminating Experiences that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to receive, accept, file and thank committee for their work.</p> <p>c. Amy Campbell provided an overview of the Graduate Council recommendation on Graduate Student Experience that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Graduate Council recommendation on Graduate Student Experience and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>d. Amy Campbell provided an overview of the Graduate Council recommendation on Graduate Admission Change that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Graduate Council recommendation on Graduate Admission Change and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the UCC recommendation on Research Intensive Course Designation review process and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate receives, accepts, and files the recommendation on Culminating Experiences and thanks the committee for their work. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Graduate Council recommendation on Graduate Student Experience and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Graduate Council recommendation on Graduate Admission Change and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the</p>

	<p>e. Amy Campbell provided an overview of the Graduate Council recommendation on New Admissions Policy that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Graduate Council recommendation on New Admissions Policy and place on the UAS consent agenda with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>f. Amy Campbell provided an overview of the Graduate Council recommendation on Equity in Graduate Faculty Workload that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Graduate Council recommendation on Equity in Graduate Faculty Workload and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>g. Discussion was heard regarding the Multi-Year Taskforce on the Evaluation of Teaching. SVAP Aboufadel recommended six potential charges for the taskforce, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • write new LIFT survey based on updated definitions of teaching that better reflects what is in the Faculty Handbook. • Have the taskforce look around the world for examples where the survey was kept short that only students can evaluate. • Make recommendations on whether evaluations are needed • Craft guidelines for peer evaluations • Craft guidelines for self-evaluations. Use examples from around campus. • Share advice with decision makers, and campaign to educate everyone about that advice. <p>Additionally, it was recommended that the taskforce provide quantifiable data.</p> <p>Chair Karasinski will create draft charges for review.</p>	<p>Senate supports the Graduate Council recommendation on New Admissions Policy and places it on the UAS consent agenda with a recommendation to support. APPROVED with 1 Abstention</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Graduate Council recommendation on Equity in Graduate Faculty Workload and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:03	