

Grand Valley State University
University Academic Senate
Minutes of December 6, 2024

Present: Ed Aboufadel; Nicholas Baine; Marshall Battani; Krista Benson; Yatin Bhagwat; Vijay Bhuse; Mary Bower; Susan Cleghorn; Adrian Copeland; Jennifer Cymbola; Brian Deyo; Emily Frigo; John Gabrosek; Charles Ham; Susan Harrington; Chris Haven; Michael Henshaw; Barbara Hooper; Naoki Kanaboshi; Courtney Karasinski; Bradley Koch; Salvador Lopez-Arias; Julia Mason; Leifa Mayers; Michelle McCloud; Hazel McClure; Figen Mekik; Oindrila Mukherjee; Ernest Park; Tonya Parker; Charles Pazdernik; Christopher Pearl; Linda Pickett; Joel Quamme; Karyn Rabourn; Rahat Ibn Rafiq; Anne Sergeant; Tamara Shreiner; Paul Sicilian; Andrew Spear; Kevin Strychar; Miriam Teft; Daniel Vainner; Deana Weibel; Alexander Wilson; Jennifer Winther; Mingyu Wu; Faye Yang; Richard Yidana

Absent:

Ex Officio: Jennifer Drake, Ed Aboufadel, Bonnie Bowen, Cathy Buyarski, Erica Hamilton Felix Ngassa

Guests: Carolyn Shapiro-Shapin, Barb Hoogenboom, Amy Campbell, Melissa Morison

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Consent Agenda	The Consent Agenda of November 1, 2024 was reviewed.	The Consent Agenda of December 6, 2024, was approved, which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) recommendation on Repeat Course Approval Policy.Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) recommendation on Academic Integrity.Graduate Council recommendation on New Admissions Policy.
2. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of December 6, 2024, was reviewed.	The Agenda of December 6, 2024 was approved.
3. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of UAS Regular meeting of November 1, 2024 that were distributed earlier were reviewed.	The Minutes of UAS Regular meeting of November 1, 2024 were approved.
4. Report from the Chair	Chair Karasinski reminded all that UAS meetings are open per SG policy 1.01.6.2. The ECS will select new representatives for the UTC in January, with the meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month from 1-2pm via Zoom. Additionally, a revised version of the proposed AI policy with ECS recommendations was shared in preparation for discussion in January.	
5. Report from the Provost	Acting Provost Drake reported that a new dean of the Padnos College of Engineering has been hired, and thanked Tim Born for his work while serving as interim dean.	

	<p>The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) is focused on the next steps for the COACHE survey results, as well as Reach Higher reflection and planning. SLT members also met with leaders from Student Senate.</p> <p>The faculty awards ceremony will be held on Tuesday February 18 at 4pm on the Pew Campus.</p> <p>An email was sent on 11/20/24 inviting faculty to participate in an anonymous survey tied to GVSU strategy to build research capacity, and a GVSU consortium grant award from the National Science Foundation Enabling Partnerships to Increase Innovation Capacity (EPIIC).</p> <p>The provost also noted that the full report from the COACHE survey is now available online. She further reported that progress has been made in communication and partnership between Omni and Academic Affairs, with the Omni Collaborative Advisory Group (OMAG) having four faculty members and the Omni Operations Team (OOT) includes associate deans. An Omni webpage is under development.</p>	
6. Report from Student Senate President	<p>Student Senate President Proctor reported that Student Senate met with SLT to discuss priorities and build stronger partnerships. The Student Solutions Summit had a decent turnout, especially given competing events, and it received positive feedback, and may be held again.</p> <p>He further reported that the Student Senate is participating in the Reach Higher Collaborative Leadership Network.</p>	
7. Old Business	<p>a. An overview of the Online Education and Microcredential Council (OEMC) recommendation on Faculty Certification for Online/Hybrid Teaching was presented. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Online Education and Microcredential Council (OEMC) recommendation on Faculty Certification for Online/Hybrid Teaching.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Online Education and Microcredential Council (OEMC) recommendation on Faculty Certification for Online/Hybrid Teaching.</p> <p>Approved Unanimously</p>

<p>8. New Business</p>	<p>a. An overview of the Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) recommendation on Credits for Minors was presented. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>The <u>Motion from ECS</u> to support the Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) recommendation on Credits for Minors was voted on.</p> <p>b. An overview of the Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) recommendation on OER was presented. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>The <u>Motion from ECS</u> to support the Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) recommendation on OER was voted on.</p> <p>c. An overview of the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendation on Faculty Working 100% Remote was presented. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>The <u>Motion from ECS</u> to support the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendation on Faculty Working 100% Remote was voted on.</p> <p>d. Discussion was heard on adding a UAS Meeting to the Winter 2025 Schedule that was distributed earlier was discussed. It was agreed to hold a UAS meeting on January 17, 2025, instead of an ECS meeting. Furthermore, the body will meet as a committee of the whole as a closed session, with no recording nor minutes taken.</p> <p>e. Discussion on the Graduate Council recommendation on Graduate Student Experience will be heard at the next meeting.</p> <p>f. Discussion on the Graduate Council recommendation on Graduate Admission Change will be heard at the next meeting.</p> <p>g. Discussion on the Graduate Council recommendation on Equity in Graduate Faculty Workload will be heard at the next meeting.</p> <p>h. Discussion on the University Curriculum Committee recommendation on Research Intensive Course Designation Review Process will be heard at the next meeting.</p>	<p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) recommendation on Credits for Minors. Approved Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) recommendation on OER. Approved Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The University Academic Senate supports the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee recommendation on Faculty Working 100% Remote. Approved Unanimously</p>
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	i. Discussion on the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) recommendation on Market Research will be heard at the next meeting.	
9. COACHE Survey Discussion	<p>Chair Karasinski led discussion on the COACHE survey that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>At the November 1 UAS meeting, faculty perceptions of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) were discussed, and it was decided at that meeting to send a straw poll to UAS members to assess agreement with potential actions. It was noted that that some UAS members did not recall the discussion of the straw poll, nor did they realize that the straw poll was embedded in an email sent to all UAS members.</p> <p>Opinions varied on the timing of action(s) to take, with some UAS members expressing a desire to work quickly; others asked for further deliberation and collaboration with SLT.</p> <p>The COACHE survey will remain a discussion item at the UAS meetings in Winter 2025.</p>	
10. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm	