

Grand Valley State University
Executive Committee of the Senate Meeting
Minutes of January 24, 2025

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

Absent:

Ex Officio: Jen Drake, Ed Aboufadel, Sean Lancaster

Guests: Luke DeMott, Assistant Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of January 24, 2025, was reviewed.	The Agenda of January 24, 2025, was approved, as amended.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of January 10, 2025, were reviewed.	The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of January 10, 2025, were approved – as amended.
3. Report from Chair	Chair Karasinski reported that she has a meeting with Miloš Topić, VP and Chief Digital Officer to discuss the AI Policy from the University Technology Council. Send final feedback to Chair Karasinski by Monday, January 27. The calendar and proposed agenda items were shared.	
4. Report from Provost	Acting Provost Drake thanked the faculty for moving to remote instruction due to the weather and recognizes that shifting to remote instruction is challenging. As requested by the faculty on the COACHE Steering Committee, proposals are being reviewed for external facilitators who will gather information and plan a retreat with action steps emerging. She noted that Provost's Cabinet is discussing the Academic Affairs Strategic Plan, and that material for the Board of Trustees meeting is being prepared.	

	<p>The BIPOC Student Taskforce work is paused since some of the students who were part of this have graduated; however, a group of students met on January 24. The Black Student Union and VP of People, Equity and Culture will collaborate to continue the taskforce's work.</p> <p>The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) is discussing institutional strategic planning, and the three major commitments (An Empowered Educational Experience, A Lifetime of Learning, and A Culture of Educational Equity) will continue.</p> <p>The newest federal Executive Orders are being discussed regularly, with SLT tracking what is happening and discerning the potential impact on the university. Additionally, any warrants/subpoenas should be referred to general counsel or GV Public Safety.</p> <p>Questions were addressed from the floor.</p>	
5. Report from Student Senate	<p>Student Senate President Proctor reported that Student Senate legislation is being discussed regarding digital IDs, providing access to Narcan on campus, course markings regarding materials costs, and creating a learning module for faculty regarding working with students with disabilities.</p> <p>He further reported that Student Senate elections for President will be held in March; the general election will open on January 27. The President's Ball is scheduled for Friday, January 31, 2025.</p> <p>The State of the Student Body address will be on Thursday, February 13 at 4:30pm in the Cook-DeWitt Center.</p> <p>Questions addressed from the floor.</p>	
6. Old Business	<p>Chair Karasinski led discussion appointing faculty representatives to the Centers Evaluation Committee. The committee will have eight total faculty, three with relevant scholarly expertise in qualitative or quantitative analysis of data and five with demonstrated ability to think strategically and broadly about university-wide issues.</p> <p>This committee will serve in an advisory role to the provost on matters related to the establishment, performance, and continued viability of Academic Centers. Meetings are every three weeks (or as needed) each fall and winter semester. Nominations,</p>	

	including self-nominations should be sent to Chair Karasinski by Monday, January 27, 2025.	
7. New Business	<p>a. Luke DeMott, Assistant Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer presented information on Data Categorization and Data Retention. He emphasized that this policy is at “draft zero” and wants to incorporate faculty voice early, and this will also be presented at the UAS meeting of February 7, 2025 Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>b. Chair Karasinski will connect with the current members of the University Technology Committee (UTC) to ask if they want to remain on the committee. Further, she will connect with the Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC) to discuss potential overlap in membership. This will be an agenda item at the UAS meeting of February 7, 2025, and selection of representatives made.</p> <p>c. Chair Karasinski provided a debrief from the closed session of the University Academic Senate Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 17, 2025. The body discussed their concerns regarding the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and shared governance, as well as the desired actions from administration, some of which have already been expressed. It was noted that positive changes from SLT since the survey was taken.</p> <p>Considerable discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>Although no business was conducted at the January 17 meeting, next steps include gathering ideas for action on a broad scale and deciding on a mechanism for gathering ideas. Additional time will be scheduled as part of regular UAS meetings.</p> <p>d. Chair Karasinski presented nominees to the University Technology Committee (UTC). She will contact the current</p>	

	<p>members to see if they would like to continue serving on the committee, and reach out to the Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC) to discuss possible overlap in membership.</p> <p>e. Discussion on the appointment of members to the Multi-Year Taskforce on Teaching Evaluation (MYTTE—pronounced “mighty”) will be held at a future date.</p> <p>f. Discussion on the Charge to APSC on Final Exam Rescheduling will be held at a later date.</p>	
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:01pm	