

Grand Valley State University
Executive Committee of the Senate Meeting
Minutes of November 22, 2024

Present: Nick Baine, Krista Benson, Yatin Bhagwat, Jennifer Cymbola, 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, Jennifer Winther

Absent:

Ex Officio: Jen Drake, Ed Aboufadel, Felix Ngassa

Invited Guests: Melissa Morison

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of November 22, 2024, was reviewed.	The Agenda of November 22, 2024, was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of November 15, 2024, were reviewed.	The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of November 15, 2024, were approved.
3. Report from Chair	Chair Karasinski reported she met with Cathy Buyarski regarding some additional training for the advisors. RHCLN met today about strategies for engagement across university. Toolkit will be created based on feedback. NPC approved minor in Disability Studies (CHS) and new unit for Environmental Science (CLAS). There was discussion regarding meeting between President Mantella, Provost Drake, Chair Karasinski, Dr. Benson, Dr. Park, and Dr. Baine. Goal is better and more informed communication.	
4. Report from Provost	Acting Provost Drake asked everyone to review the email regarding launch of search for Vice Provost for Research (from Felix Ngassa). The other email she is asking people review is the survey on the EPIC. Offer to go out to Engineering Dean before Thanksgiving. Ed Aboufadel shared that COACHE Steering Committee meets on Mondays at noon. and the president has approved that the results be distributed.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Proctor reported that the Student Solutions Summit was successful. Student Senate received a lot of ideas, and several people applied to join as well! Student Senate is preparing to wrap up the semester, and our Cabinet is taking some time to reflect.	

	We are also preparing for the upcoming Exam Jam (formerly named Exam Cram) to finish off the semester.	
6. Old Business	<p>a. Melissa Morison provided an overview of the FPPC recommendation on Merit Ratings in Workday that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>Discussion about how much time is left to put Merit info into Workday. Right now it aligns with what is in the handbook. Workday should reflect policy. Our current practices among units are inconsistent and not equitable. Should there be a change in the charge?</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to receive, accept and file the report, and thank the Committee for their work.</p> <p>Chair Karasinski led discussion on Multi-Year Taskforce on Evaluation of Teaching. Questions addressed from the floor include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the suggestion to write own student evaluation survey? • Can these be written in a formative manner? Is formative evaluation process feasible? • What outside product should we buy to mitigate inherent and unknown bias. <p>Courtney and Anne will draft charges to synthesize information and define problem.</p>	MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate moves to receive, accept and file the report, and thank the Committee for their work.
7. New Business	<p>a. Chair Karasinski provided an overview of FPPC recommendation on Faculty Working 100% Remote that was distributed earlier.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the FPPC Memo on Faculty Working 100% Remote and forward to UAS with a recommendation of support.</p>	MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the FPPC recommendation on Faculty Working 100% Remote and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation of support.
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.	