
Detailed Notes on the ECS Meeting of January 10, 2025

Chair's Report

- *On the New Programs Council:* The New Programs Council will meet on January 15 to discuss two new unit proposals from the College of Computing: Department of Computer Science and Department of Information Sciences and Technologies.
- *On Meeting with Employee Ombuds Elisa Ortega-Schultz:* Chair Karasinski met with Elisa Ortega-Schultz. Elisa is a great resource for faculty. More information on the employee ombuds can be found [here](#).
- *On Meeting with General Counsel Jess Weare:* Chair Karasinski and Vice Chair Sergeant met with new General Counsel Jess Weare to talk about shared governance at GVSU.
- *On Data Categorization and Data Retention:* Chair Karasinski and Vice Chair Sergeant met with Luke DeMott, Assistant Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer, and Aaron Lowen, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, about data categorization and data retention. There are plans to draft policies around this, but currently these plans are at “draft zero,” and there is interest in obtaining faculty input at this early point in the process. AVP DeMott and AVP Lowen will come to ECS on 1/24 and UAS on 2/7.
- *On the AI Policy from the University Technology Council:* Miloš Topić, VP and Chief Digital Officer, shared the updated AI policy, which incorporates feedback from ECS.
- *On University Technology Council:* Recommendations are needed for faculty representatives to the [University Technology Council](#). These are two-year appointments starting in January 2025 through December 2026. The expectations are for them to attend and actively engage within UTC each month (every third Tuesday of the month from 1-2 PM, primarily via Zoom) where they will act as faculty representatives and keep you informed of work taking place in UTC. They are also expected to bring forward strategic needs and priorities from the areas they represent. Please send nominations (including self-nominations) to Chair Karasinski.
- *On Meeting with IT:* Miloš Topić, VP and Chief Digital Officer, has invited Chair Karasinski and Vice Chair Sergeant to meet with him to discuss strategies for collaboration between IT and faculty.
- *On the COACHE Survey Discussions at UAS:* In order to respect the process of the COACHE Steering Committee, members of the COACHE Steering Committee who are also ECS/UAS members, Krista Benson, Figen Mekik, and Karyn Rabourn, will lead these discussions at UAS. More information about the COACHE process can be find [here](#). Although 40 minutes have been spent on this item during UAS meetings during the Fall of 2024, less time may be needed at UAS for discussing the COACHE results during Winter 2025.
- *On the UAS Meeting of 01/17/25/24:* As discussed at the UAS meeting of 12/6/24, this meeting was changed from an ECS meeting to a UAS meeting, as UAS members shared a desire for an increase in UAS meetings relative to ECS meetings. It was planned at the 12/6 meeting to move on 1/17 to sit as a [committee of the whole](#) in an in-person only meeting limited to voting members of UAS. The sole agenda item will be the COACHE survey results.

Provost's Report

- *On the Dean of the Padnos College of Engineering:* Dr. Adebayo “Bayo” Ogundipe has been selected to serve as Dean of the Padnos College of Engineering. He will officially begin his new role on March 1, 2025.
- *On Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Visioning:* As we are for the next [Vice Provost for Research and Innovation](#), it is the ideal time to begin co-creating an institutional plan for supporting research, scholarship, and creative activity. Visioning sessions will be held that will guide the creation of our future strategy in this area.
- *On COACHE:* The full [COACHE report](#) has been published. The COACHE Steering Committee is identifying external facilitators to support the work. A co-design group that includes faculty and administrators will interview and select the facilitators.
- *On Omni:* An Omni update is included in the 1/13 Lakers Ready.
- *On Senior Leadership Team (SLT) Activities:* SLT is having ongoing conversations with unit heads and deans regarding how to respond to regulations from Washington. Good progress is happening with the Holistic Admissions Taskforce. SLT members are learning about theory and practice of shared governance and held a retreat on leadership. Laker Club Talks will be held with Robert Shorty, Vice President for People, Equity, and Culture on Wednesday, February 12 from 4-5 and Jessica Weare, General Counsel, on Thursday, March 13, 2025 from 4-5.

Student Senate President's Report

- *On Student Senate Membership:* Student Senate membership has all positions filled.
- *On Narcan:* Student Senate is working on legislation around Narcan availability on campus.

- *On Student Senate Elections:* Student Senate President Quinten Proctor is graduating this semester and will be staying at GVSU for graduate school. Elections for the new Student Senate President will be held in March. The Student Senate President will be elected by the student body.

New Business

- *On the Online Education and Microcredential Council (OEMC) Memo on the Bylaws Amendment:* These recommendations delete the responsibility to review curricular proposals involving online and hybrid offerings; change “short-semester, ‘on-demand’ or ‘self-paced’ delivery of content” to “low residency;” and add “review microcredential (badge) enrollments and completion on an annual basis in the fall semester.” The motion to support with recommendation to UAS passed.
- *On Appointments to the Centers Evaluation Committee:* The Centers Evaluation Committee will be comprised of 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. Nominations, including self-nominations should be sent to Chair Karasinski by Tuesday 1/21. Terms are three years.
- *On Discussion on Helping HR:* Concerns were shared around faculty knowing where to go when needing support. The members of ECS were uncertain what concerns were systemic issues versus individual issues. Concern about faculty protection if mistreated by supervisors was suggested as a systemic issue. These issues will be shared with VP Shorty, who will attend a UAS meeting this semester. ECS is interested in collaborating with VP Shorty.
- *On Planning for the Committee of the Whole on 1/17/25:* At the Committee of the Whole, the UAS will discuss concerns, the meaning of no confidence votes (which have *not* been taken and are merely being discussed), meaning of votes of censure (which have *not* been taken and are merely being discussed), what changes/actions /outcomes UAS seeks from SLT, the process led by the COACHE Steering Committee, the SHGR taskforce that is looking at the structure of faculty governance at GVSU, and the relationship between UAS and ECS.