
Detailed Notes on the ECS Meeting of January 24, 2025

Chair's Report

- *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. Final feedback was requested to be sent to ECS Chair Karasinski by Monday 1/27, as feedback will be shared with VP Topić on Tuesday.

Provost's Report

- *On Remote Days:* The Provost thanked the faculty for moving to remote instruction due to the weather, and recognized that shifting to remote instruction is challenging.
- *On COACHE:* 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.
- *On the Academic Affairs Strategic Plan:* Provost's Cabinet is discussing the Academic Affairs Strategic Plan.
- *On the BIPOC Student Taskforce:* This work paused as students who were part of these efforts graduated, but the group met on 1/24/25 and the Black Student Union and VP of People, Equity and Culture will collaborate to continue the taskforce's work.
- *On Senior Leadership Team (SLT) Activities:* SLT is continuing to discuss institutional strategic planning. The three major commitments (An Empowered Educational Experience, A Lifetime of Learning, and A Culture of Educational Equity) will continue. Executive orders are being discussed as a regular agenda item. SLT is tracking what is happening, unpacking the language, and planning how to comply strategically.

Student Senate President's Report

- *On Legislation:* Student Senate legislation is being discussed regarding digital IDs, Narcan, course markings regarding materials costs, and creating a learning module for faculty regarding working with students with disabilities.
- *On Student Senate Elections:* Elections for the new Student Senate President will be held in March. Petitions for elections to Student Senate opened on 1/27/25. College representative positions are also open.
- *On President's Ball:* President's Ball will be held January 31, 2025.
- *On the State of the Student Body:* The State of the Student Body address will be at the Cook-DeWitt Center on Thursday February 13 at 4:30. It is expected to last 45-60 minutes.

Old Business

- *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 [SG 1.03.B.14](#). The Centers Evaluation Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Provost on matters related to the establishment, performance, and continued viability of Academic Centers (SG 2.06) at Grand Valley State University. The committee makes recommendations to the Provost regarding policies and procedures for establishing, reviewing, and discontinuing Academic Centers; reviews of existing Academic Centers; makes recommendations to the Provost regarding proposals for establishing, reorganizing, and discontinuing Academic Centers; and provides resources for best practices in Academic Center administration and management. Meetings are every three weeks (or as needed) each fall and winter semester. Nominations, including self-nominations should be sent to Chair Karasinski by **Monday 1/27/25**. Terms are for three years.

New Business

- *On the Presentation on Data Retention and Data Classification by Luke DeMott, Assistant Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer:* This policy is at "draft zero," and engagement with faculty early in the process is being prioritized. Peer institutions are already adopting policies. Data tagging will be done in Microsoft first, then in other platforms. Proposed classifications include restricted, high (confidential), moderate (general), and low (personal or public). AVP DeMott will present to UAS at the meeting of 2/7/24.

- *On Appointing Members to the University Technology Committee:* Chair Karasinski will connect with the current members to ascertain whether they wish to remain on UTC. Chair Karasinski will also connect with the Academic Technology Advisory Committee to discuss potential overlap in membership. Some nominations have been received. This item will be discussed at UAS on 2/7/25 and selections will be made.
- *On the Debrief of the Committee of the Whole UAS from 1/17/25:* As a Committee of the Whole on 1/17/25 the UAS discussed concerns regarding the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and shared governance, as these had been identified as areas of concern on the COACHE survey. The positive changes that SLT has made since the survey was administered were noted. Regarding shared governance, the relationship between UAS and ECS was discussed. This discussion was held as a closed discussion to afford UAS members the opportunity to share openly with one another. No business was conducted on 1/17/25; the time was spent solely on open dialogue. At ECS, it was discussed that more time is needed to continue this discussion. Thus, the end of the UAS meeting of 2/7/25 will be a committee of the whole. As a committee of the whole, no business will be conducted. ECS members discussed on 1/24/25 the importance of designing with the full UAS a process for onboarding new UAS members, including new ECS members.