Grand Valley State University
University Academic Senate
Minutes of February 7, 2025

Present: Nicholas Baine; Marshall Battani; Krista Benson; Yatin Bhagwat; Vijay Bhuse; Mary Bower Russa; Breanna Chycinski (for Tonya Parker), 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 (Chair); Bradley Koch; Salvador Lopez-Arias; Julia Mason; Leifa Mayers; Michelle McCloud; Hazel McClure; Figen Mekik; Charles Pazdernik; Christopher Pearl; Linda Pickett; Quentin Proctor (Student Senate President);Joel Quamme; Karyn Rabourn; Rahat Ibn Rafiq; Joel Schut (for Oindrila Mukherjee), Anne Sergeant (Vice Chair); Tamara Shreiner; Paul Sicilian; Christine Smith (for Ernest Park); Andrew Spear; Kevin Strychar; Miriam Teft; Daniel Vainner; Deana Weibel; Alexander Wilson; Jennifer Winther; Mingyu Wu; Richard Yidana; GSA president and three Student Senators

Absent:

Ex Officio: Jennifer Drake, Ed Aboufadel, Cathy Buyarski, Erica Hamilton, Sean Lancaster, Felix Ngassa

Guests: Luke DeMott, Assistant Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer; Barb Hoogenboom, Chair, University Curriculum Committee (UCC); Amy Campbell, Chair, Graduate Council

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of February 7, 2025, was reviewed.	The Agenda of February 7, 2025, was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of UAS Regular meeting of December 6, 2024, that were distributed earlier were reviewed.	The Minutes of UAS Regular meeting of December 6, 2024, were approved.
3. Report from the Chair	Chair Karasinski reported that the Climate Science major, minor, and certificate were approved by UCC and the Provost's Office, and that she met with LIFT—MC Committee Co-Chairs. Additionally, she has been in communication with ATAC while they are working on their bylaws as a Standing Committee of UAS and further met with Jeff Potteiger and Jen Moore about SPARCA. She attended the Reach Higher Collaborative Leadership Network meeting, and engaging UAS to gather input the Reach Higher Together strategic plan. The upcoming calendar and proposed agenda items were shared.	
4. Report from the Provost	Acting Provost Drake reported that Lakers Ready is the Office of the Provost's primary communication and is distributed via email. She further reported that President Mantella recently announced that a central hub with updates on executive orders and other federal action is on the Division of People, Equity, and Culture website. Senior AVP Aboufadel shared that a piece of art in the Kirkhof Center that has been controversial has been removed and will be displayed in a different location. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.	

5.	Report from Student Senate President	Student Senate President Proctor reported that Student Senate passed a bill recommending the installation of medical vending machines, and that they are working on a bill for digital student IDs. The State of the Student Body address will be held on Thursday February 13 at 4:30pm.at the Cook-DeWitt Center. Elections for the new Student Senate President will be held in March; petitions for elections to Student Senate and college representative positions are also open.	
6.	Old Business	a. An overview of the Graduate Council Recommendation on Graduate Student Experience that was distributed earlier was presented. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor. The <u>Motion from ECS</u> to support the Graduate Council Recommendation on Graduate Student Experience was voted on.	**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate supports the Graduate Council Recommendation on Graduate Student Experience. **APPROVED Unanimously**
		b. Amy Campbell provided an overview of the Graduate Council Recommendation on Graduate Admission Change that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor. The <u>Motion from ECS</u> to support the Graduate Council Recommendation on Graduate Admission Change was voted on.	**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate supports the Graduate Council Recommendation on Graduate Student Experience. **APPROVED Unanimously**
		c. An overview was presented of the Graduate Council Recommendation on Equity in Graduate Faculty Workload that was distributed. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor. The <u>Motion from ECS</u> to support the Graduate Council Recommendation on Equity in Graduate Faculty Workload was voted on.	**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate supports the Graduate Council Recommendation on Equity in Graduate Faculty Workload. **APPROVED Unanimously**
		d. An overview of the University Curriculum Committee Recommendation on Research Intensive Course Designation Review Process that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor. The <u>Motion from ECS</u> to support the University Curriculum Committee Recommendation on Research Intensive Course Designation Review Process was voted on.	**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate supports the University Curriculum Committee Recommendation on Research Intensive Course Designation Review Process. **APPROVED Unanimously**
		e. An overview of the University Curriculum Committee Recommendation on Market Research that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.	**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate supports the University Curriculum Committee Recommendation on Market Research.

		The <u>Motion from ECS</u> to support the University Curriculum Committee Recommendation on Market Research was voted on	**APPROVED 33 Yes; 0 No; 8 Abstention**
7.	New Business	a. Presentation on Data Categorization and Data Retention—Luke DeMott, Assistant Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.	
		b. An overview was presented of the Online and Microcredential Education Council (OEMC) Recommendation on the Bylaws Amendment that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor. The <u>Motion from ECS</u> to support the Online and Microcredential Education Council (OEMC) Recommendation on the Bylaws Amendment was voted on.	**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate supports the Online and Microcredential Education Council (OEMC) Recommendation on the Bylaws Amendment **APPROVED with 1 Abstention**
8.	COACHE Survey Discussion	Discussion was heard about how the body will move forward providing feedback from UAS to the COACHE discussions. A brief background of past events was shared, including that a straw poll was taken of UAS members in the fall semester, noting that some UAS members opposed the distribution of the straw poll. Interest was expressed in voting on creating a list of items supported by UAS that faculty would like to see from administration and could be shared at COACHE discussions. A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to construct a list of items that faculty would like to see from administration.	**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate will construct a list of items that faculty would like to see from administration. **APPROVED 23 Yes; 15 No; 7 Abstentions**
		Discussion continued with additional motions made from the floor. A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to request that the administration to create greater budget transparency.	**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate will request that the administration to create greater budget transparency. **APPROVED 42 Yes; 3 No; 1 Abstention**
		A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to request a Retreat with members of the Senior Leadership Team.	**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate will request a Retreat with members of the Senior Leadership Team. **APPROVED 35 Yes; 5 No; 2 Abstentions**

A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to send a memo from UAS to the VP of IT.	**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate will send a memo from UAS to the VP of IT. **APPROVED 23 Yes; 12 No; 5 Abstentions**
A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to request additional faculty representation at SLT.	**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate will request additional faculty representation at SLT**.** **APPROVED 27 Yes; 9 No; 7 Abstentions**
A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to craft a UAS Memo Outlining Concerns and Request a Response.	**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate will craft a UAS Memo Outlining Concerns and Request a Response. **APPROVED 23 Yes; 16 No; 4 Abstentions**
A <u>Motion was made and seconded </u>for the ECS to create a subgroup to make a list.	**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate will charge the ECS to create a subgroup to make a list. **APPROVED 35 Yes; 6 No; 2 Abstentions**
A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to have Regular Meetings between UAS and Board members: 22 Y 16 N 3 A (53.7% in favor)	**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate will ask for Regular Meetings between UAS and Board members. **APPROVED 22 Yes; 16 No; 3 Abstentions**
A <u>Motion was made and seconded </u>for Faculty Input into Annual Performance Reviews for SLT.	**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate will ask for Faculty Input into Annual Performance Reviews for SLT. **APPROVED 22 Yes; 11 No; 5 Abstention.**

	A <u>Motion was made and second</u> to hold a Hybrid Committee of the Whole.	**MOTION:** The University Academic Senate will hold a Hybrid Committee of the Whole. **APPROVED 32 Yes**
9. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:01pm	