

Grand Valley State University
Executive Committee of the Senate Meeting
Minutes of March 28, 2025

Present: Krista Benson, Yatin Bhagwat, Susan Harrington, Amy Stolley (for Chris Haven), Karyn Rabourn, Courtney Karasinski (Chair), Salvador Lopez-Arias, Jennifer Cymbola, Hazel McClure, Figen Mekik, Chuck Pazdernik, Quinten Proctor (Student Senate President), Rahat Rafiq, Anne Sergeant (Vice Chair), Christine Smith (for Ernest Park), Kevin Strychar, Miriam Teft (for Tonya Parker), Deana Weibel, Jennifer Winther

Absent: Nick Baine, Gwyn Madden

Ex Officio: Jen Drake, Ed Aboufadel

Guests: Sean Lancaster, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs; Carolyn Shapiro-Shapin, Chair, APSC; Felix Ngassa, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, ex-officio, OEMC; Christine Rener, Director, Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center and Vice Provost for Instructional Design and Innovation, ex-officio, OEMC; Alec Palumbo, Student Senator

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of March 28, 2025, was reviewed.	The Agenda of March 28, 2025, was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of March 14, 2025, were reviewed.	The Minutes of ECS Regular Meeting of March 14, 2025, were approved, noting that the fertility benefits are different for everyone.
3. Report from Chair	Chair Karasinski reported that the Reach Higher Foresight were held, and the Reach Higher celebration is scheduled for April 17. She further noted that the New Programs Council approved three new units in the Padnos College of Engineering. President Mantella will join the UAS meeting on April 11; additionally, President Mantell will send an email to UAS memebbers providing an opportunity for input regarding the provost position. A reminder that senate leadership elections will be April 18; a statement of interest should be sent to Lisa Surman by April 11.	

	The upcoming calendar and agenda items were shared, with notice that UAS meetings are open and incoming representatives can attend. Chair Karasinski will send an invitation.	
4. Report from Provost	<p>Senior Associate Vice President (SVAP) Aboufadel reported on behalf of Acting Provost Drake and noted that she will join at 4:30pm.</p> <p>The Student Scholars Day is scheduled for April 9 with an exhibition in Calder. SAVP Aboufadel reported that 141 faculty have guided over 500 presenters.</p> <p>An email was sent regarding Presidential Fellowship applications that are due April 18</p> <p>The search for the VP for research is in progress with finalist interviews scheduled the weeks of April 7 and April 14.</p> <p>SAVP Aboufadel provided an update on the development of workshops in May related to COACHE. Additional information will be distributed.</p> <p>He further reported that there are weekly Appointing Officer (AO) meetings to discuss the developments in Washington over DEI. The GVSU plan is to stay aware but not overreact. It was noted that the University of Michigan has immediately closed their DEI offices, but that is not an action GVSU will take.</p>	
5. Report from Student Senate	<p>Student Senate President Proctor reported that the last meeting of the year was held last night. They passed a bill regarding disability training for faculty and staff, and a resolution regarding admissions standards and retention rates which encourages student participation in decision-making processes.</p> <p>The Student Senate elections wrapped up this week with 1,734 students casting their ballots in this year's election, which is more than double the turnout from last year. Evan Jackson was elected as the new Student Senate President and Ty Vanlerberghe was elected as the new Student Senate Vice President.</p>	
6. New Business	a. AVP Sean Lancaster provided an overview of the HLC Quality Initiative Proposal that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.	MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the HLC Quality Initiative Proposal and forwards it to UAS

	<p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the HLC Quality Initiative Proposal and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>b. Krista Benson and Carolyn Shapiro-Shapin presented an overview of the Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) and Online Education and Microcredential Council (OEMC) Joint recommendations to Propose Clarified Definitions of Certificates and Badges that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) and Online Education and Microcredential Council (OEMC) Joint recommendations to Propose Clarified Definitions of Certificates and Badges and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>c. Carolyn Shapiro-Shapin presented an overview of the Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) recommended Policy on Synthetic Media that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to task the ATC, FTLCAC and Digital Literacy Task Force to gather information on the Synthetic Media initiative and Task Forces at GVSU related to AI and synthesize information, including APSC recommendation to guide development of AI instructional policy.</p> <p>d. Jennifer Cymbola presented highlights of the Affiliate Faculty Advisory Committee (AFAC) recommendations on Faculty Rank Nomenclature in Policy that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to accept AFAC's</p>	<p>with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) and Online Education and Microcredential Council (OEMC) Joint recommendations to Propose Clarified Definitions of Certificates and Badges and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED with 1 Abstention</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate tasks the ATC, FTLCAC and Digital Literacy Task Force to gather information on the Synthetic Media initiative and Task Forces at GVSU related to AI to synthesize the information, including the APSC recommendation, to guide development of AI instructional policy. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate accept AFAC's recommendation on faculty rank nomenclature in policy with our thanks, and further tasks FFPC with developing more accurate language than "regular faculty" in all GVSU policy (S.G.</p>
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	<p>recommendation on faculty rank nomenclature in policy with our thanks, and further tasks FFPC with developing more accurate language than “regular faculty” in all GVSU policy (S.G. and B.OT.) with reference to AFAC memo.</p> <p>e. Krista Benson presented an overview of the COACHE recommendations on Teaching and Service that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>Provost’s office will add to Laker’s Ready the following: UAS and ECS are currently discussing the possibility of creating a task force that will work with stipends over Summer 2025 to create analyze data on what needs to be done to improve faculty satisfaction with Nature of work: Teaching and Nature of Work: Service from the COACHE 2024 Survey. If this task force is created by UAS/ECS in April, faculty volunteers to join the task force are needed.</p> <p>Please contact the Faculty COACHE Co-Chair, Krista Benson, at bensokri@gvsu.edu with your interest.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the COACHE recommendations on Teaching and Service and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>f. Alec Palumbo presented an overview of the Student Senate Bill to Recommend Optional Course Marking Procedures to Increase Classroom Transparency that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the Student Senate Bill to Recommend Optional Course Marking Procedures to Increase Classroom Transparency and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p>	<p>and B.OT.) with reference to AFAC memo. APPROVED w/1 abstention</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the COACHE recommendations on Teaching and Service and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Student Senate Bill to Recommend Optional Course Marking Procedures to Increase Classroom Transparency and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
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	<p>g. Quinten Proctor presented highlights of the Student Senate Bill on Health Vending Machines that was distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to accept the Student Senate Bill on Health Vending Machines and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>h. Tim Born presented the PCE-COC CPC descriptions that were distributed earlier. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and seconded</u> to support the PCE-COC CPC Descriptions and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>i. Chair Karasinski presented an overview of the UAS Leadership Election recommendation from the SHGR task force. Lengthy discussion was heard with a recommendation to put the creation of a policy about senate elections on the summer retreat agenda.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made, seconded and approved</u> with one abstention to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.</p> <p>Robust discussion continued as pros/cons were debated.</p> <p>A <u>Motion was made and second</u> to Table further discussion and make first item of order at the next meeting.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the Student Senate Bill on Health Vending Machines and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED with 1 No</p> <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the PCE-COC CPC Descriptions and forwards them to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
8. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:13pm	