

Detailed ECS Notes from September 13, 2024

Chair's Report

- *On the 12th Annual Teach-In: Power, Privilege, and Difficult Dialogues:* The 12th Annual Teach-In will be held on Wednesday, November 13 on the Pew Campus and Thursday, November 14 on the Allendale Campus. More information on the Teach-In can be found [here](#). All are highly encouraged to participate.
- *On the New Programs Council:* New Programs Council met on 9/11/24 to review six prospecti from the College of Computing. NPC approved five of the *prospecti* to move forward to the proposal stage: BS and MS in AI, BS and MS in Software Engineering, and BS in Human Centered Design, with a suggestion to change the name to Human Centered Computing. The MS in Human Centered Design was not supported.
- *On the Data Advisory Committee:* Chair Karasinski met with Emil Delgado, Associate Vice President for Information Technology, to learn about the Data Advisory Committee, which she will be joining in place of former UAS Chair and Current AVP for Academic Affairs Felix Ngassa. This group is working on a data lakehouse, which allows storage and analysis of data, and are discussing data management and retention. Dashboards will be created for data. This group has multiple representatives from Academic Affairs: Felix Ngassa (now Courtney Karasinski)—Chair of UAS, Aaron Lowen—AVP for AA, Marouane Kessentini—Dean of CoC, Bradford Dykes—Associate Professor of Statistics (former OEMC Chair), Cathy Buyarski—VP for Advising, Mark Hoffman—Associate Dean of CECL, and Jeffrey Daniels—Electronic Resources Librarian
- *On the Faculty Fora for Fall 2024:* Faculty fora will be held via Zoom on October 16 2:30-4 and October 17 10-11:30 on the topic of AI in teaching. All faculty are encouraged to attend.
- *On the UAS Meeting of 9/27/24:* The consent agenda for the UAS Meeting of 9/27/24 will include UAC memos on Process for Reviewing Externally Accredited Programs and Federally Funded Programs Exemption Status and FFPAC Memo on Active Learning Spaces. The agenda for the UAS Meeting of 9/27/24 will include Discussion on Multi-Year Taskforce on Evaluation of Teaching, Discussion on Taskforce on Faculty Support of Student Voting, Changes to BOT Policies Due to PCE and CoC split, Update on Title IX and Pregnancy Policy, UTC Policy on AI, Discussion on Research Intensive Course Designation, Discussion on COACHE Survey, Presentation on Open Enrollment, Discussion on Taskforce on Supporting Student Voting, and Review and Discussions on the FPPAC Memos on Relationship with ATAC, Wayfinding, Facilities Needs by College, Standing Charges Update, and Optimum Membership Size

Provost's Report (given by SAVP Ed Aboufadel, Acting Provost Drake was meeting with constituents in Traverse City)

- *On MSU's The Black Book:* This book includes resources for Black students at MSU, and could be a model for GVSU.
- *On SHORE:* SHORE, the system used for Standing Committee charges and memos, is an acronym for SHared Objectives Rporting.
- *On Fall Break:* Faculty are reminded to treat Fall Break like Spring Break, avoiding assigning homework during this time.
- *On the COACHE Survey:* The COACHE survey was completed in winter semester, with the findings received in August. On Tuesday, September 24 a preview report will be available with a summary of strengths and opportunities; a cover memo is being drafted now before presentation to UAS. The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) has already seen the full report.
- *On Enrollment:* President Mantella sent an email with enrollment data, and all enrollment data is available on the Institutional Analysis Website.

Student Senate President's Report

- *On Recruiting and Onboarding:* Student Senate is finalizing their recruitment and onboarding process for the semester. They intend to have more student representation on University Committees this year.
- *On AI:* ECS had indicated interested in knowing how students use AI and their perspectives on it. Student Senate discussed AI their meeting and found that most students use AI in academics somewhat regularly.
- *On Bill to Create a Student Legal Services Department:* Student Senate will create a taskforce to discuss the creation of a Student Legal Services Department
- *On Partnership with UAS:* Student Senate President Proctor and UAS Chair Karasinski met and discussed the partnership between Student Senate and faculty governance, and are looking forward to collaborating.

Old Business:

- *On the Multi-Year Taskforce on Evaluation of Teaching:* A robust discussion was held around the purpose of the taskforce, the appropriate charge, and the work that has been done over the years by multiple standing committees and taskforces. A motion passed to table this discussion until the next meeting.
- *On the Taskforce to Support Student Voting:* ECS member Deana Weibel provided an overview on the status of the taskforce, with suggestions of stakeholders to include. A motion was supported to discuss the taskforce and nominate members at UAS.

New Business

- *On Updates to BOT Policies Due to the Split of PCEC:* Interim Dean Tim Born provided highlights of the changes needed in Board of Trustee Policies due to the split of PCEC into PCE and CoC. A motion was supported to forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.
- *On Update on Title IX and Pregnancy Policy:* Associate Vice President for Inclusion and Equity Kathleen VanderVeen provided an update on Title IX and the Pregnancy Policy, noting that most issues deal with accommodating needs, and that the policy is already posted online. Discussion. A motion was supported to forward to UAS with recommendation.
- *On the University Technology Committee Policy On AI:* Chair Karasinski shared the University Technology Committee Policy on AI and noted that VP of IT Miloš Topić will be at UAS on Sept 27 to answer questions. There were a number of questions about enforcement of the policy and use of AI by faculty whose scholarly activity is in this area. ECS members were asked to send comments to the Chair by 5pm on Monday, September 16 so she could synthesize the comments and forward to VP Topić.
- *On the Remaining Agenda Items:* The following items will be moved to “Old Business” on the ECS agenda for October 4: Discussion on OEMC recommendation on Faculty Certification for Online/Hybrid Teaching, Discussion on OEMC recommendations on Multiple-Modality Course Delivery, Discussion on the SHGR Taskforce Charges, and Discussion on Benefits for Fertility Treatments.