

Grand Valley State University  
Executive Committee of the Senate  
**Minutes of August 5, 2021 Special Meeting**

**Present:** Yatin Bhagwat, Tara Cornelius, Susan Harrington, Chris Haven, Courtney Karasinski, Salvador Lopez-Arias, Amy McFarland, Jared Moore, Charles Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Karyn Rabourn, Anne Sergeant, Agnieszka Szarecka, Robert Talbert, Lissa Tallman

**Absent:** Autumn Mueller

**Ex Officio:** Chris Plouff, Ed Aboufadel, Suzeanne Benet, Ellen Schendel

**Guests:** Ben Holder, Doug Graham

The meeting was called to order at 11am.

| Agenda Items    | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Action / Decisions                                                                                                                 |
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| 1. Proceedings  | The single agenda item is to develop and discuss a UAS position on vaccinations, masks and testing.<br>The meeting began with the Chair identifying the framework for the meeting, beginning with a presentation from the Virus Action Team (VAT) and the perspective from administration.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                    |
| 2. New Business | <p>Ed Aboufadel presented an update from (VAT) and provided data related to vaccines on campus. Questions were addressed from the floor. The members of VAT were thanked for all their work.</p> <p>Chris Plouff thanked VAT for their work on behalf of faculty, students and staff. He shared the basis that was used during Senior Leadership Team discussions as they developed the policy draft presented at the meeting. Discussion, with questions addressed from the floor.</p> <p>A straw poll was taken of the five options presented to test the proposed polling method to be used at UAS via OpaVote.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to take the top two options to present to UAS. (Alternatives A &amp; B)</p> <p><b>Alternative A</b></p> | <p>MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Senate forwards the top two options to UAS.</p> <p><b>APPROVED with 12 yes votes</b></p> |

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|             | <p>a) GVSU should require faculty, staff, and students (with appropriate medical and religious waivers) to be vaccinated or to begin a course of vaccination against COVID-19 before coming to campus.</p> <p>b) Masks will be required of all (vaccinated or unvaccinated) in all buildings on campus in order to mitigate the risk of spreading the virus.</p> <p>c) Unvaccinated faculty/staff/students will be required to test on a regular basis.</p> <p><b>Alternative B</b></p> <p>a) GVSU should adopt a vaccine mandate for faculty, staff, and students with appropriate medical and religious waivers after the formal approval of the vaccines by the FDA.</p> <p>b) Masks will be required of all (vaccinated or unvaccinated) in all buildings on campus in order to mitigate the risk of spreading the virus.</p> <p>c) Unvaccinated faculty/staff/students will be required to test on a regular basis.</p> |  |
| Adjournment | The meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |