

Grand Valley State University  
Executive Committee of the Senate  
**November 20, 2020**

**Online:** Yatin Bhagwat, Shawn Bultsma (Vice Chair), Tara Cornelius, Kelly Dowker (Student Senate President), Chris Haven, Courtney Karasinski, Salvador Lopez-Arias, Jared Moore, Felix Ngassa (Chair), Chuck Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Kathryn Remlinger, Georgette Sass, Anne Sergeant, Melanie Shell-Weiss, Agnieszka Szarecka, Joy Washburn

**Absent:**

**Ex Officio:** Maria Cimitile, Ed Aboufadel, Suzeanne Benet, Bonnie Bowen, Ellen Schendel

**Guests:** Bob Hollister (Chair of FSBC); Kristen Vu (Chair of APSC)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm

| Agenda Items                  | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Action / Decision                                                                                           |
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| 1. Approval of Agenda         | The Agenda of November 20, 2020 was reviewed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | The Agenda of November 20, 2020 was approved.                                                               |
| 2. Approval of Minutes        | The Minutes of November 13, 2020 were reviewed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | The Minutes of November 13, 2020 were approved                                                              |
| 3. Report from Chair          | Chair Ngassa reported on the Reach Higher 2025 Initiative and noted that the Teach-In participation was at 1,234. He further provided the proposed schedule and upcoming agenda items.<br>Vice Chair Bultsma noted that the December 2 New Program Council is cancelled.                                                                         |                                                                                                             |
| 4. Report from Provost        | Provost Cimitile reported that she and VP Truss sent communication to students families encouraging them to register for winter semester. Senators extended their thanks to Provost Cimitile and President Mantella for the two extra days added to the holidays.<br>Questions were addressed from the floor.                                    |                                                                                                             |
| 5. Report from Student Senate | Student Senate President Dowker reported on the initiatives under consideration and further noted there will be a joint meeting with Student Senate and Presidents Cabinet.                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                             |
| 6. New Business               | a. Provost Cimitile and AVP Schendel led discussion on the two-phase program review process and answered questions from the floor.<br><br>b. Kristen Vu presented an overview of the APSC recommendations on Consideration for Continuation of COVID-19 Temporary Academic Policies for Winter 2021 that was distributed earlier.<br>Discussion. | <b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the APSC recommendations on Consideration for |

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|  | <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the APSC recommendations on Consideration for Continuation of COVID-19 Temporary Academic Policies for Winter 2021, as amended, and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>c. Kristen Vu presented an overview of the APSC Memo on Modifying the Class Attendance Policy to Include Student Bereavement Policy that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support APSC Memo on Modifying the Class Attendance Policy to Include Student Bereavement Policy and forward to UAS with recommendation to support.</p> <p>d. Bob Hollister presented an overview of the FSBC recommendation on faculty teaching load for winter 2021 that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made, seconded, and agreed by consensus</u> to extend the meeting by 20 minutes.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made, seconded, and approved by consensus</u> to include <i>"We recommend the University provide increased Adjunct Overload funds necessary to <b>**ameliorate teaching loads**</b> in Winter 2021 and we recommend these funds come from institutional reserves and not from somewhere else in the budget of Academic and Student Affairs."</i> in the FSBC recommendation.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made, seconded, and agreed by consensus</u> to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support FSBC recommendation on faculty teaching load for winter 202, as amended, and forward to UAS with recommendation to support.</p> | <p>Continuation of COVID-19 Temporary Academic Policies for Winter 2021, as amended, and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support.<br/><b>APPROVED 13 Yes; 3 No</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the APSC Memo on Modifying the Class Attendance Policy to Include Student Bereavement Policy and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support.<br/><b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the FSBC recommendation on faculty teaching load for winter 2021, as amended, forwards it to UAS with recommendation to support.<br/><b>APPROVED Unanimously</b></p> |
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|                | <p>e. A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the American Council of Education Response to Executive Order 13950C asking it to be withdrawn.</p> <p>f. Chair Ngassa led discussion on sending an letter of appreciation from ECS to Facilities Services. A draft will be crafted by Melanie Shell-Weiss and Kathryn Remlinger for review at the next meeting.</p> | <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the American Council of Education Response to Executive Order 13950C asking it to be withdrawn.</p> <p><b>APPROVED 15 Yes; 1 Abstention</b></p> |
| 7. Adjournment | The meeting adjourned at 5:28pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |