

Grand Valley State University  
Executive Committee of the Senate Meeting  
**Minutes of September 17, 2021**

**Present:** Yatin Bhagwat, Tara Corneilus, Susan Harrington, Chris Haven, Courtney Karasinski (Vice Chair), Salvador Lopez-Arias, Amy McFarland, Jared Moore, Autumn Mueller (Student Senate President), Felix Ngassa (Chair), Chuck Pazdernik, Elizabeth Psyck, Karyn Rabourn, Anne Sergeant, Agnieszka Szarecka, Robert Talbert, Lissa Tallman

**Absent:**

**Ex Officio:** Chris Plouff, Ed Aboufadel, Suzeanne Benet, Ellen Schendel, Sonia Dalmia, Bonnie Bowen, Robert Smart

**Guests:** Mychal Coleman (Chief Human Resources Officer); Hannah Seidel & Laura Stroik (Co-Chairs of FFPAC); Pam Wells (AVP & University Registrar)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action / Decision
1. Approval of Agenda	The Agenda of September 17, 2021 was reviewed.	The Agenda of September 17, 2021 was approved.
2. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes of ECS Meeting of September 10, 2021 were reviewed.	The Minutes of ECS Meeting of September 10, 2021 were approved.
3. Report from Chair	The Chair reported there will be an additional virtual meeting on September 24, 2021.	
4. Report from Provost	Interim Provost Plouff reported that numerous sabbatical proposals were submitted this year. After discussions with faculty governance leadership and deans, he is proposing capping the number of approvals at 55 which is average of sabbatical proposals for the last five years at a cost of \$1,000,000.  Questions were addressed from the floor.	
5. Report from Student Senate	Student Senate President Mueller reported that student senate participated in QPR training as September is suicide prevention month. Additionally, Student Senate in conjunction with the Community Service Learning Center hosted the State of Michigan independent citizens redistricting commission yesterday as they worked on redrawing county lines all throughout Michigan. This commission works to update and solidify Michigan's state senate, state house, and congressional election district maps. Student Senate also sent our statement of approval regarding the reaching higher 2025 steering committee goals and vision of their current draft yesterday to Mark Schaub and his team. Next week, Student Senate will be hosting three guest speakers, Chief Dehaan from GVPD, a	

	<p>presentation by Craig Wieschhorster and his colleagues regarding the tuition and budget increase, and a presentation from the Hauenstein Center regarding their Progressive Conservative Summit that they will be hosting next week. Student Senate is finalizing Battle of the Valleys efforts as that week of events is less than two weeks away.</p>	
6. New Business	<p>a. Chair Ngassa led discussion with Chief Human Resources Officer, Mychal Coleman.</p> <p>He stated that a HR generalist will be assigned to academic area. He proposed questions and asked that feedback be sent to Felix.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What one word will define your experience With HR?</li> <li>• What are the top 3 challenges facing HR as it relates to faculty?</li> <li>• What should stay the same (in other words what is working in HR)?</li> <li>• What advice can you give Dr. Coleman?</li> </ul> <p>Questions were addressed from the floor.</p> <p>b. AVP Benet and Registrar Pam Wells presented an overview of the GVSU Graduation Honors Policy that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the GVSU Graduation Honors Policy Proposal and forward as a charge to APSC to make recommendations on a specific policy.</p> <p>c. Laura Stroik and Hannah Seidel presented an overview of the FFPAC Memo on Electricity and Power Access in Classrooms that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the FFPAC Memo on Electricity and Power Access in Classrooms and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to charge FFPAC with collecting more data about electricity usage at the Univeristy now that we are back to normal semester.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the GVSU Graduation Honors Policy Proposal and forwards it as a charge to APSC to make recommendations on a specific policy. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the FFPAC Memo on Electricity and Power Access in Classrooms and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the new charge given to FFPAC with collecting more data about electricity usage at the Univeristy now that we are back to a normal semester. APPROVED Unanimously</p>

	<p>d. Hannah Seidel presented an overview of the FFPAC Memo on Sanitary Product Accessibility in Restrooms that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the FFPAC Memo on Sanitary Product Accessibility in Restrooms and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>e. Hannah Seidel presented an overview of the FFPAC Memo on Active Learning Spaces that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>A <u>motion was made and seconded</u> to support the FFPAC Memo on Active Learning Spaces and forward to UAS with a recommendation to support.</p> <p>f. Chair Ngassa presented an overview of the Active Learning Classroom Task Force Report/Findings that was distributed earlier. Discussion.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Chair and Vice Chair of ECS/UAS will discuss with VP Milos Topic and request for the Active Learning Classroom Task Force Report/Findings to be officially sent to ECS for review.</p> <p>g. The Meaning and Consequence of ECS/UAS Endorsement: No discussion was had on this item. It was agreed to place this on the agenda for the September 24 meeting.</p> <p>OPEN COMMENTS Question regarding contract tracing – discuss sooner than October 8</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the FFPAC Memo on Sanitary Product Accessibility in Restrooms and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> The Executive Committee of the Senate supports the FFPAC Memo on Active Learning Spaces and forwards it to UAS with a recommendation to support. APPROVED Unanimously</p>
7. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:01 pm	