

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**Minutes of 14 December 2007**

**Members present:** Osama Abudayyeh, John Jellies, Mary Lagerwey, Dasha Nisula, William Rantz, and Judith Rypma.

**Member absent:** Dennis Simpson. Also present: Paul Pancella, Faculty Senate Past President; Suzanne Davenport and Janice Varasteh, Faculty Senate Office.

*The meeting was called to order by Senate President Lagerwey at 3:10 p.m.*

**Action/Discussion Items**

***Acceptance of the Agenda***

***Approval of the Executive Board Minutes of 30 November 2007***

***Approval of the Faculty Senate Minutes of 6 December 2007***

Lagerwey recommended rearranging the order of agenda items.

Approval of the agenda was moved and seconded as amended. Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the Faculty Senate minutes of 6 December 2007 was requested by email vote. [NOTE: Approval of the minutes received.]

***Executive Board Transition***

This was Judith Rypma's last meeting as a director on the Executive Board due to her sabbatical in Spring 2008. Paul Pancella has agreed to serve out Rypma's term ending May 2008.

***Update on Councils***

International Education Council – Rypma reported on activities of the working groups within IEC. A memorandum of action will be forwarded to the Executive Board shortly.

Research Policies Council – Abudayyeh said RPC Chair Paula Kohler planned to present a Faculty Research and Creative Activities Support Fund (FRACASF) MOA to the Board.

§ Undergraduate Studies Council – Nisula reported on the presentation by Kim Ballard, Director of the WMU Writing Center, and shared information concerning the current status of the General University Studies Program.

Graduate Studies Council – Rantz said GSC approved a large number of curriculum proposals at its last meeting.

Academic and Information Technology Council – No report.

Campus Planning and Finance Council – Jellies reported Tracy Branson, Associate Vice President for Development, had provided a report on WMU's Capital Campaign.

***Agenda for 10 January 2008 Senate Meeting***

Members felt Bud Bender, Vice President for Development and WMU Foundation Executive Director, should be invited to present on the Capital Campaign.

It was suggested that Donald McCloud, Dean of the Haenicke Institute for Global Education be invited to address the Senate, as both an opportunity to meet the Senate membership, as well as share his ideas and plans on internationalization at WMU. Lagerwey had invited David Rozelle, Accountancy, to speak on behalf of the upcoming WMU Organ Donation Campaign.

**Other**

The Executive Board's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, 11 January, from 10 to noon in the Faculty Lounge of the Bernhard Center.

**Minutes**

Research Policies Council, 8 November

International Education Council, 15 November

Graduate Studies Council, 15 November

Campus Planning and Finance Council, 20 November

Undergraduate Studies Council, 4 December

**Correspondence Received**

Agenda, Undergraduate Studies Council, 4 December

Agenda, Research Policies Council, 6 December

Agenda, International Education Council, 6 December

Agenda, Campus Planning and Finance Council, 11 December

Agenda, Graduate Studies Council, 13 December

Letter (copy), 28 November, from President Dunn to Harold Glasser, Environmental Studies, expressing commitment to campus sustainability at WMU and affiliation to the Talloires Declaration.

**Correspondence Sent**

Letters, 7 December, to WMU Faculty, 2008 General Election Notice and the annual Faculty Fee request.

Letters, 10 December, to Harold Glasser, Environmental Studies, and Jerry Kreuze, Accountancy, welcoming them as elected members of the Campus Planning and Finance Council.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Janice Varasteh

Faculty Senate Office