

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Minutes of 25 January 2008

Members present: John Jellies, Mary Lagerwey, Paul Pancella, William Rantz, and Dennis Simpson.

Members absent: Osama Abudayyeh, and Dasha Nisula.

Guests: Eileen Evans, vice provost for institutional effectiveness, and Brynne Belinger, student assistant.

Also present: Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office.

The meeting was called to order by Senate President Lagerwey at 10 a.m.

Action/Discussion Items

Acceptance of the Agenda

Approval of the Executive Board Minutes of 11 January

Lagerwey requested the agenda be amended to move Eileen Evans' presentation first on the agenda. Acceptance of the agenda as amended was moved and seconded. Motion carried. Approval of the minutes of 11 January was moved by Simpson and seconded by Pancella. Motion carried.

University Vision Statement – Eileen Evans

Eileen Evans provided a draft copy of the WMU mission, goals, vision, values, and priorities statement she was in charge of updating at the request of President Dunn. Evans requested comments and suggestions from the Senate's Executive Board. Following discussion and input from Board members, Evans left the meeting.

International Education Council Memoranda of Action:

MOA-08/01, Support of Faculty International Activities and MOA-08/02, Recognition of International Expertise in Personnel Decisions,

The IEC forwarded two memoranda of action to the Executive Board for review, requesting they be placed on the February Senate agenda. In reviewing them, members felt the MOAs would be controversial. Pancella, as the liaison to IEC, said the IEC was aware of that possibility and was willing to discuss the merits of the MOAs. Feeling a broader Senate discussion was necessary, it was moved and seconded that MOA-08/01, Support of Faculty International Activities, be forwarded to the February Senate meeting. Motion carried.

As MOA-08/02, Recognition of International Expertise in Personnel Decisions, contains suggestions regarding WMU hiring practices, members determined it should not be forwarded to the February Senate meeting without being reviewed by the WMU-AAUP Contract Administrator for interpretation and opinion.

MOA-07/09, Open Learning Courses Proposal

The Board had reviewed the Open Learning Courses Proposal previously on 30 November 2007 and decided the proposal should be reviewed by the AAUP. Members reviewed this proposal again and decided if the specific language considered to be under the purview of the AAUP was removed, it could be presented at the February Senate meeting. Removal of item # 9 was requested: Instructor compensation: Consistent with the current WMU AAUP agreement, faculty members/instructors would be compensated.

The proposal was forwarded to the Executive Board by the Undergraduate Studies Council, so the chair of USC needed to be contacted first to see if there was any objection to the Board's request to remove item # 9. Darrell Johnson, dean, and Craig Kaml, associate dean, Extended University Programs, would be contacted next to confirm they had no objections to removal of that language. Simpson moved, seconded by Jellies, the Open Learning Courses Proposal be placed on the February Senate agenda, pending approval from the appropriate parties to remove item # 9 from the original proposal. Motion passed.

7 February Senate Meeting Agenda

It was anticipated two MOAs, Support of Faculty International Activities and Open Learning Courses Proposal, would be on the agenda as action items. Several names were suggested as guests to be invited to the February or future Senate meetings.

Alternate locations for the Senate meetings were considered. Concerns have been received about the attendance at Senate meetings. While the attendance is fairly consistent, 70 individuals sitting in a room with a seating capacity of 280 tends to look sparse. However, when the convenience of the parking and the discounted room charge was taken into consideration, it was decided to continue holding meetings in the Fetzer Center.

Updates – Mary Lagerwey

Lagerwey informed members that President Dunn is the featured speaker for the Center for the Study of Ethics in Society on 30 January at 7:30 p.m. in the Fetzer Center. His presentation is "Ethical Challenges Confronting Higher Education."

She also reported on President Dunn's discussion with members of the Research Policies Council at RPC's January meeting.

Other

Paula Kohler, Chair of the Research Policies Council, will be the guest at the Friday, 8 February, Board meeting to discuss the draft MOA on Faculty Research and Creative Activities Support Fund (FRACASF).

Correspondence Sent

Letter, 7 January, to Thomas Carey, Management, acknowledgment of his contribution to the Faculty Senate Endowment Fund.

Letter, 8 January, to Roman Rabiej, reappointment as Senator from Industrial Design for three-year term beginning May 2008.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m Motion carried.

Janice Anderson