

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Minutes of 8 February 2008

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

Guests: Brooks Applegate, chair, Select Committee for Recommending FRACASF Policy, and Paula Kohler, chair, Research Policies Council.

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 25 January

Acceptance of the agenda was moved and seconded. Motion carried. Approval of the minutes of 25 January was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

Proposed Memorandum of Action for the Faculty Research and Creative Activities Support Fund (FRACASF) – Brooks Applegate and Paula Kohler

Kohler provided proposed changes to the FRACASF. The purpose of FRACASF is to increase external funding at the University. Currently FRACASF contains three programs: funding for publication expenses, support for research and creative activity projects, and travel funds to present research and creative activity projects at conferences. The MOA recommends several minor changes with the major change being to fold the funding program for publications into a new program named Support for Faculty Scholars Award to fund smaller awards for faculty unable to find external funding. Board members suggested some clarifications to the MOA and agreed it was ready to be presented as an action item at the 13 March Faculty Senate meeting.

Applegate discussed findings from the 2007 FRACASF Report that had been presented to the Research Policies Council in September 2007. He said recommendations to the infrastructure of FRACASF would be forthcoming in an MOA to the Senate next year.

Council Updates

Graduate Studies Council –

Rantz reported there was not a quorum at the last GSC meeting, so a discussion on graduate faculty status was postponed until the next meeting.

International Education Council –

There was some further discussion of the IEC MOAs, but no response received yet from the AAUP on MOA-08/02, Recognition of International Expertise in Personnel Decisions.

Campus Planning and Finance Council –

President Dunn is scheduled to attend the CPFC meeting on 19 February. Paul Solomon, chair of CPFC, is scheduled to attend the 22 February Executive Board meeting to discuss the role of faculty and information flow in the Comprehensive Campaign.

Undergraduate Studies Council –

Nisula reported there was a lengthy report on the status of the Western Edge and discussion about the Voluntary System of Assessment. Marcia Fetters, chair of the VSA, will also be attending the 22 February Board meeting.

Academic and Information Technology Council –

The need to establish a set date and time for its meetings next year had been discussed with the chair of AITC.

Updates – Mary Lagerwey

The Professional Concerns Committee met to review the policy and procedures of the Grade and Program Dismissal Appeals Committee (GAPDAC). The PCC has been asked to report its recommendations to the provost by the end of March.

Other

Three nomination forms were submitted for the three representative-at-large vacancies on the Senate. The Board voted approval by acclamation to reappoint Osama Abudayyeh, Sisay Asefa, and Peter Krawutschke, each to a three-year term as representative-at-large.

Correspondence Received

1. Agenda, Academic and Information Technology Council, 29 January
2. Agenda, Graduate Studies Council, 31 January
3. Agenda, Undergraduate Studies Council, 12 February
4. Agenda, Committee to Oversee General Education, 13 February
5. Memorandum, 23 January, from Bassam Harik, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, requesting the Faculty Senate's Professional Concerns Committee to review Senate policy and procedures regarding late class drops and class withdrawals.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Janice Anderson