

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Minutes of 14 March 2008

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

Members absent: John Jellies and William Rantz.

Also present: Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office.

The meeting was called to order by Senate President Lagerwey at 11 a.m.

Action/Discussion Items

Acceptance of the Agenda

Acceptance of the agenda was moved and seconded with an amendment for an additional item. Motion carried as amended.

13 March Faculty Senate Meeting

The meeting agenda was reviewed. There was discussion about memoranda of action being revised between the time they are presented to the Executive Board and Senate. Members felt it beneficial David Reinhold was formally introduced to the Senate in his new role as director of undergraduate studies. Reinhold informed senators of a shift in the focus of undergraduate education to delivery rather than content.

Agenda for Meeting with the Administration

A meeting location was still pending at this time. The agenda was developed and will be forwarded to administration prior to the meeting.

Campus Visits of Provost Candidates

Adhering to confidentiality restrictions, Lagerwey shared what she could about the provost search process and the timing of the campus visits. The Senate Executive Board will have a meeting with each of the candidates during the visits that will be scheduled in April.

MOA-08/02, Graduate Faculty

The implications and consequences of this MOA received from the Graduate Studies Council were discussed. Members felt more information and specific clarification was needed. The chair of the Graduate Studies Council will be invited to meet with the Board at the next meeting.

Syllabi Information Regarding University Policies

Lagerwey reported a request from the Professional Concerns Committee. In addition to the syllabus statement and religious observance policy the Senate Office provides to the faculty, the request is for additional links be provided on the Senate Web site to assist faculty in locating all University policies.

Council Updates

International Education Council

Pnina Ari-Gur, chair of the International Education Council, was informed the AAUP determined that MOA-08/02, Recognition of International Expertise in Personnel, dealt with union issues of tenure and promotion, so it cannot be brought to the Senate.

Ari-Gur has been invited to attend the 21 March Executive Board meeting to discuss MOA-08/01, Support of Faculty International Activities, which was presented and denied approval at the 7 February Senate meeting.

Undergraduate Studies Council

This council is looking into the suggestion Senator Heather Addison, communication, made at the 10 January Senate meeting about expanding grading options at WMU. Council members have been gathering input from their colleagues and talked to Registrar Barbara McKinney. A committee is being formed to further explore changing the grading system. The Graduate Studies Council will be involved in this as well.

Academic and Information Technology Council

A set date and time for council meetings will be established for the upcoming Senate year. Funding for the University's technological infrastructure is a major point of discussion in this council.

Updates - Mary Lagerwey

The Professional Concerns Committee has been meeting regularly to update the policy and procedures of the Grade and Program Dismissal Appeals Committee (GAPDAC) as requested by Interim Provost Harik. Recommendations will be forthcoming from PCC to clarify the procedures and terminology used for the drops and withdrawals.

There will be a Leadership Academy Colloquium on Tuesday, 25 March, in the Fetzer Center featuring a panel of educational, industry, and local community leaders.

Other

Simpson moved, seconded by Nisula: All dues, fees and awards provided by, or decided upon, by the Faculty Senate Executive Board, Faculty Senate councils and committees are policy of the Faculty Senate. As such the amounts of these dues, fees and awards must be approved by the Faculty Senate at a regularly scheduled meeting. Exceptions to this policy are those dues, fees and awards defined by the Western Michigan University and American Association of University Professors Agreement. Following discussion, Simpson withdrew this motion.

Simpson, seconded by Nisula, offered a substitute motion: The maximum award amount for the Faculty Research and Creative Activities Award (FRACAA) and Support for Faculty Scholars Award (SFSA) are Faculty Senate policy and shall be voted on by the full Faculty Senate at a regular meeting. Motion carried with Pancella voting against the motion.

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1. Undergraduate Studies Council, 12 February
2. Research Policies Council, 14 February

Correspondence Received

1. Agenda, Committee to Oversee General Education, 27 February
2. Agenda, Undergraduate Studies Council, 11 March
3. Agenda, Research Policies Council, 13 March
4. Letter, 25 February, from the chair of the Senate's Nominations and Elections Committee, providing results of the 2008 general election.

Correspondence Sent

1. Letters, 25 February, congratulating John Jellies and C. Dennis Simpson on their election as president and vice president, respectively, for two-year terms beginning May 1.
2. Letters, 10 March, to faculty re-elected as departmental senators for three-year terms beginning May 1:
 - § Jack Ruhl, Accountancy
 - § William Rantz, Aviation
 - § Stephen Craig, Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology
 - § Carolyn Pavlik, Dance
 - § C. R. Krishna-Swamy, Finance and Commercial Law
 - § Barbara Havira, History
 - § Peter Parker, Paper Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Imaging
 - § Cynthia Pietras, Psychology
 - § Matthew Mingus, Public Affairs and Administration
 - § Delores Walcott, University Counseling and Testing Center
3. Letters, 10 March, to faculty newly elected as departmental senators for three-year terms, beginning May 1:
 - § Janette Gabel-Goes, Business Information Systems
 - § Dongil Lee, Chemistry
 - § Johnson Asumadu, Electrical and Computer Engineering
 - § Thomas Bailey, English
 - § Charlotte Pease, Family and Consumer Sciences
 - § Randle Gedeon, University Libraries

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled on Friday, 21 March, from 10 to noon in the Faculty Lounge of the Bernhard Center.

Minutes submitted by Janice Anderson