

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Minutes of 21 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.

Guests: Pnina Ari-Gur, chair, International Education Council, and Mark Wheeler, chair, Graduate Studies Council.

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

Action/Discussion Items

Acceptance of the Agenda

Approval of the 14 March Minutes

Acceptance of the agenda was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the 14 March minutes was moved by Rantz and seconded by Simpson with an amendment for clarification of an item. Motion carried.

MOA-08/01, Support of Faculty International Activities – Pnina Ari-Gur

Pnina Ari-Gur arrived at 10 a.m. The status of MOA-08/01 (which had been presented but not approved at the 7 February Senate meeting) was discussed. The International Education Council wanted to know how to proceed. Jellies suggested IEC craft a resolution around the concepts of the memorandum of action to present to the Senate in that context. Board members saw a problem with presenting it as an MOA since there was no defined action in the MOA that could be acted upon. If presented as a resolution, it could be discussed by the full Senate membership and passed as a public statement and resolution of the Senate body. Ari-Gur was unaware of this option and said she would take the suggestion back to IEC. She felt the council would have a resolution to present at the Senate in the fall.

Internal barriers seem to exist that thwart some faculty in their international pursuits. It is felt that unless faculty pursuits fall within the areas of interest supported by Haenicke Institute for Global Education, faculty receive limited support. It was agreed this matter should be discussed further with all the appropriate parties involved.

Ari-Gur proposed forming a working study group made up of three types of constituents: faculty, AAUP representatives, and administrators (with a member from the provost's office and a member from HIGE) to promote a philosophical statement to increase the visibility of internationalization on campus. She also suggested forming focus groups for faculty currently non-engaged in internationalization of the

curriculum. She requested Board members recommend names for membership on these groups. Lagerwey felt it will be important to recruit members from the other Senate councils.

The presence of IEC on the HIGE Web site was seen as duplication of material that belongs on the Senate Web site. It was felt a link to the Senate Web page on the HIGE site was more appropriate.

Ari-Gur was thanked for all her work on IEC and she left the meeting.

Agenda for Meeting with the Administration

Suggested discussion points were finalized and the proposed topics will be forwarded to the administration prior to the meeting.

MOA-08/02, Graduate Faculty – Mark Wheeler

Mark Wheeler arrived at 11 a.m. to discuss MOA-08/02. Members asked about exceptions to the statement in the MOA. Wheeler explained if a college/department has a policy statement in place, their policy overrides any decision of the Graduate College regarding graduate faculty status. Members approved presenting the MOA at the 3 April Senate meeting with the understanding there would be a friendly amendment made for clarification of exceptions at that meeting. GSC members will receive an email advising them of this prior to the Senate meeting. Appreciation was expressed to Wheeler for his efforts on GSC and he left the meeting.

MOA-08/04, Removal of Catalog Language Pertaining to Self-Instructional Courses

MOA-08/04 was approved by the Board and slated as a 3 April Senate agenda item.

This MOA was seen as a housekeeping item to remove archaic language pertaining to self-instructional courses that no longer exist. It was felt it could be presented as such. The chair of the Undergraduate Studies Council will be notified of this.

Revised Itinerary for Provost Candidates

Lagerwey felt the itinerary of the provost visits in April might still be changed. She will email the scheduling secretary to confirm and forward any date or time changes to Board members. It was suggested former Board member, Judith Rypma, be contacted and invited to attend the meetings with the provost candidates. All agreed.

Council Updates

Simpson, liaison to the Academic and Information Technology Council, invited Lagerwey to attend the AITC meeting on Tuesday, 15 April, scheduled from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Faculty Lounge of the Bernhard Center. That council would like to review two MOAs it is preparing for presentation to the Senate in the fall. Lagerwey plans to attend.

Updates from the other councils were postponed until the next Board meeting.

Updates – Mary Lagerwey

Lagerwey announced the resignations of two committee/council members whose resignations needed to be accepted by the Board: Ronald Van Houten from the Professional Concerns Committee effective

immediately, and Barbara Cockrell from the Undergraduate Studies Council, effective 1 May. The Board accepted their resignations with regret.

Lagerwey reported Carol Hustoles, vice president for legal affairs and general counsel, had informed her there had been no requests to review emails this year.

Lagerwey said the chair of the Undergraduate Studies Council had contacted her about looking into changing the University's grading system. Board members agreed the USC chair should contact the chair of the Graduate Studies Council and arrange a joint committee of the two councils to study the matter together.

Members were reminded of President Dunn's inauguration on Monday, 24 March. Lagerwey will be speaking at that event on behalf of the Faculty Senate.

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1. International Education Council, 21 February
2. Graduate Studies Council, 28 February
3. Undergraduate Studies Council, 11 March

Correspondence Received

1. Agenda, Academic and Information Technology Council, 18 March
2. Agenda, Campus Planning and Finance Council, 18 March
3. Agenda, International Education Council, 20 March

Correspondence Sent

1. Letter, 12 March, to Bassam Harik, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, forwarding MOA-07/09, Open Learning Courses, passed at the 7 February Faculty Senate meeting, for administrative consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled on Friday, 4 April, from 10 to noon in Room 205 (International Room) of the Bernhard Center.

Minutes submitted by Janice Anderson