

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Minutes of 4 April 2008

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

Also present: Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office.

Guests: Paul Solomon, chair, and Michael Miller, member, Campus Planning and Finance 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 21 March Minutes

Acceptance of the agenda was moved by Jellies and seconded by Simpson. Motion carried. Approval of the minutes of 21 March was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

Proposed MOA on the Capital Campaign Process – Paul Solomon and Michael Miller

Solomon and Miller gave an overview of the memorandum of action developed by the Campus Planning and Finance Council which outlines how faculty can provide input into the Comprehensive (formerly titled Capital) Campaign process. They requested suggestions from board members. Following discussion, it was agreed the MOA would be presented at the 1 May Senate meeting.

Solomon also noted the issue of campus awareness of religious holidays when scheduling classes and holding University events needed to be brought forward. He requested the former committee be revived and the Department of Comparative Religion be contacted.

Review of 3 April Faculty Senate Meeting

Following the debate over MOA-08/02, Graduate Faculty, at the 3 April Senate meeting, Senator Matthew Mingus suggested the Senate sponsor a forum on graduate education at WMU. Board members agreed an open discussion on that topic should be arranged in early fall. The graduate dean will be invited to present his views on graduate education.

Questions for Meetings with the Provost Candidates

A list of questions was developed for interviews with the WMU provost candidates.

It was reported the dates of those interviews would probably be changed again.

Council Updates

Changing the name of the Research Policies Council to include scholarship in its title was discussed. RPC would be contacted to request the award amounts for 2008-09 Faculty Research and Creative Activities Support Fund (FRACASF) project awards that would be voted on at the 1 May Senate meeting.

Council chairs were to be reminded that they were to submit a summary of their council's activities and suggestions of charges for the next Senate year to the board by the end of May.

2008-09 Senate Year

Postponed until the next meeting due to time constraints.

Updates – Mary Lagerwey

Lagerwey reported the Professional Concerns Committee was finalizing its recommendations and would be presenting those at the 1 May Senate meeting.

Arrangements were made for Senate representation at the commencement ceremonies on Saturday, 26 April, with Lagerwey attending the 9 a.m. ceremony; Rantz attending at noon; Abudayyeh attending at 3 p.m. and Pancella attending at 6 p.m.

Correspondence Received

1. Agenda, Graduate Studies Council, 27 March

Correspondence Sent

1. Letters, 25 March, to President John Dunn and Bassam Harik, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, suggesting discussion topics for an upcoming meeting.
2. Letters, 27 March, accepting the resignations of Ronald Van Houten, from the Professional Concerns Committee, and Barbara Cockrell, from the Undergraduate Studies Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled on Friday, 18 April, from 10 to noon in the Faculty Lounge of the Bernhard Center.

Minutes submitted by Janice Anderson