

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Minutes of 18 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.

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

Action/Discussion Items

Acceptance of the Agenda

Approval of the 4 April Executive Board Minutes

Approval of the 3 April Senate Minutes

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

Approval of the 4 April Executive Board minutes was moved by Simpson and seconded by Abudayyeh. Motion carried.

Approval of the 3 April Senate minutes was moved by Abudayyeh and seconded by Nisula. Motion carried.

Agenda for the 1 May Senate Meeting

In addition to the prescribed agenda of this meeting which includes the Executive Board and council elections, acknowledgement of changes to the Senate membership at the end of the 2007-08 Senate year and beginning of the 2008-09 Senate year, and transitioning from past president to new president, three memoranda of action were set as action items:

MOA-08/06, Faculty Research and Creative Activities Support Fund (FRACASF) Project Awards to be presented by Paula Kohler, chair of the Research Policies Council.

MOA-08/05, Comprehensive Campaign, to be presented by Paul Solomon, chair of the Campus Planning and Finance Council.

John Miller, former chair of the Professional Concerns Committee, will be presenting an MOA that has not been presented to the Executive Board yet for review. However, Senate President Lagerwey has served on the PCC and has been keeping the Board informed of its actions pertaining to the MOA being developed.

In response to a specific request from a senator at the last Senate meeting, Eileen Evans, vice provost for institutional effectiveness, will present information on the College Portrait, which stems from the Voluntary System of Accountability that WMU is participating in.

Council Updates

Academic and Information Technology Council –

Simpson reported AITC was working on a summary of its activities during the past year and suggesting charges for next year. Members planned to provide a report, not MOA, to the Senate in the fall.

Campus Planning and Finance Council –

Jellies reported CPFC finalized the MOA that was to be presented at the May Senate meeting. Reports on the safety concerns at WMU were also presented.

Graduate Studies Council –

No report as the council was meeting on 24 April.

International Education Council –

Pancella reported the agenda was limited at the last meeting as there wasn't a quorum. Pnina Ari-Gur announced her resignation from the council as a member and chair due to her teaching and research responsibilities.

Research Policies Council –

budayyeh forwarded the Executive Board's request for the award amounts for 2008-09 FRACASF and those will be presented as an MOA for a vote at the 1 May Senate meeting.

Undergraduate Studies Council –

No report as the 8 April USC meeting was canceled.

Updates – Mary Lagerwey

In an effort to assist in the transition of Senate presidents, Lagerwey invited Jellies to attend her last meetings with University administrators. They had met with WMU President Dunn and were scheduled to meet with Provost Harik.

Lagerwey noted this would be her last Board meeting as the Senate president. She will continue on the Board for one year as past president. She thanked Paul Pancella for his assistance (serving as substitute for Judith Rypma) during the past semester as this would be his last meeting on the Board.

Other

Board members reviewed the reports of the Nominations and Elections Committee for council elections and committee appointments. They approved the nominees for elections and appointments.

The position opening for Ombuds has been posted internally. The position is open to faculty and staff members (with master level degrees) and is a full-time position.

No Board meetings were scheduled yet for the summer, but those dates would be forthcoming after the elections at the 1 May Senate meeting.

Minutes

1. Campus Planning and Finance Council, 19 February
2. Academic and Information Technology Council, 19 February
3. Research Policies Council, 13 March
4. Campus Planning and Finance Council, 18 March
5. International Education Council, 20 March

Correspondence Received

1. Agenda, Graduate Studies Council, 27 March
2. Agenda, Committee to Oversee General Education, 9 April
3. Agenda, Research Policies Council, 10 April
4. Agenda, Academic and Information Technology Council, 15 April
5. Agenda, Campus Planning and Finance Council, 15 April
6. Agenda, International Education Council, 17 April
7. Agenda, Graduate Studies Council, 24 April
8. Letter, 26 March, from President John M. Dunn, regarding the WMU Day at the Capital on Wednesday, 28 May, in Lansing.
9. Letter, 14 April, from Pnina Ari-Gur, chair, International Education Council, resigning from IEC, effective 1 May.

Correspondence Sent

1. Letter, 10 April, to Bassam Harik, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, forwarding MOA-08/03, Changes to the Faculty Research and Creative Activities Support Fund, for administrative consideration.

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

Minutes submitted by Janice Anderson