

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Minutes of 26 June 2008

Members present: Osama Abudayyeh, Van Cooley, John Jellies, Mary Lagerwey, William Rantz, and Judith Rypma.

Members absent: Dasha Nisula and Dennis Simpson.

Also present: Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office.

The meeting was called to order by Senate President John Jellies at noon.

Action/Discussion Items

Acceptance of the Agenda

Approval of the 12 June Executive Board Minutes

Rantz moved acceptance of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Cooley and carried. Rypma requested an addition to the draft minutes. Approval of the amended 12 June Executive Board minutes was moved by Rantz and seconded by Lagerwey. Motion carried.

Updates – John Jellies

Jellies reported meeting with outgoing interim provost, Bassam Harik, and having scheduled a meeting with the new provost, Timothy Greene. He was also arranging a meeting with Eileen Evans, vice provost for institutional effectiveness, to discuss University assessment activities.

He updated members on curriculum issues that had arisen with the accelerated degree program, MOA-03/05, which the Graduate Studies Council would be discussing later today. Two amendments to the current MOA were going to be proposed and voted on at that meeting. Both he and GSC council liaison, Van Cooley, would be attending the meeting and would report back to the Board.

Meeting on 17 July

All Board members except Abudayyeh (who would be out of town on business) will attend this informal event hosted by President and Mrs. Dunn. Jellies told members there would be a short business meeting prior to the event and informed them of possible agenda items.

Council Reports and Summaries

Academic and Information Technology Council –

The Board was in receipt of AITC's year end summary for 2007-08 and plans for the upcoming year.

Campus Planning and Finance Council –

Rantz reported on activities of the Signs, Landscape, and Sculpture Arts and the Sustainability Committees. Encouraging the use of bicycles instead of cars on campus was discussed by the

Board. Lagerwey noted that unfortunately the WMU campus had not been designed to actively support the use of bikes.

Graduate Studies Council –

Proposed amendments to the accelerated degree program MOA were discussed earlier by Jellies.

International Education Council –

The Board was in receipt of IEC's year end summary for 2007-08. Lagerwey reported that GSC had asked IEC if its proposed amendments to the accelerated degree program would have implications for international students. Visa issues might arise as international student visas are specific and students cannot take both undergraduate and graduate courses simultaneously.

A sub committee will be formed by IEC to work with the American Council on Education Internationalization Laboratory. The graduate students on the council reported some international students felt they experienced discrimination on campus. Rypma questioned why WMU didn't have an international center on its campus. The Board felt Dean McCloud and IEC chair, Stephen Malcolm, should be invited to an upcoming meeting.

Research Policies Council –

Abudayyeh reported a grant application form for the \$2,000 Support for Faculty Scholars Award (SFSA) had been developed. Applications will be accepted in September and June. RPC chair, Paula Kohler, is working on suggested charges for next year.

Undergraduate Studies Council –

No report. USC did not meet in June.

The year end summary reports from four of the six Senate councils are still pending.

Executive Board Meeting Schedule for fall 2008

Members were reminded to turn in their schedule grids so fall 2008 meetings could be set.

Other

Lagerwey and Rypma plan to meet with John Miller, former chair of the Professional Concerns Committee, to compile the work of PCC - pertaining to the definition of hardship and new terminology for dropping classes - into one or two MOAs to present at the full Senate in fall 2008.

Minutes

1. Campus Planning and Finance Council, 20 May
2. Graduate Studies Council, 22 May

Correspondence Received

1. Agenda, Campus Planning and Finance Council, 17 June
2. Agenda, International Education Council, 19 June
3. Agenda, Graduate Studies Council, 26 June

The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m. Minutes submitted by Janice Anderson