

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD
MINUTES OF 24 JULY 2009**

Members present: Van Cooley, John Jellies, Mary Lagerwey, Dasha Nisula, William Rantz, Judith Rypma, and Dennis Simpson. **Guests:** Ken Miller, Larry Tolbert, and Mary Asmonga-Knapp, WMU Board of Trustees. **Also present:** Osama Abudayyeh, former Senate Executive Board Director, and Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office.

The meeting was called to order by Faculty Senate President John Jellies at 11:05 a.m.

Jellies welcomed the three members from the WMU Board of Trustees. Each provided a brief summary of their background and careers. Trustee Chairman Miller mentioned the upcoming retreat for BOT members. The trustees wanted to promote transparency and open communication between themselves and the faculty, so asked the Senate Executive Board members to share that message with their faculty colleagues. Both the trustees and Senate Board members shared and discussed their hopes and concerns for WMU. The conversation ended in agreement that there were many opportunities available for a positive transformation at WMU despite the dire budget situation.

[Senate Board members thanked the trustees for attending and the trustees left the meeting.]

Action/Discussion Items

After a brief break, Jellies called the business portion of the meeting to order.

Acceptance of the Agenda

A motion was made by Simpson, seconded by Lagerwey, to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of 10 July 2009

Lagerwey moved, supported by Simpson, to approve the 10 July minutes. Motion carried.

Updates – John Jellies

Before providing updates, Jellies asked for impressions on the meeting with the trustees. While recognizing there were many diverse opinions, it was felt there was still significant common ground. Members agreed it was an excellent meeting, with positive discussion that highlighted common desires to foster a vibrant, responsible and responsive university serving WMU's students, faculty and community.

Jellies reported on his recent meeting with President Dunn and topics were suggested for discussion at the Board's meeting with the president on 29 July.

Minutes

1. Campus Planning and Finance Council, 16 June
2. Graduate Studies Council, 25 June

Correspondence Received

1. Agenda, Campus Planning and Finance Council, 21 July
2. Email attachment, 20 July, Julie (Scrivener) Nemire, February 2009 Report on Doctoral Residency Requirement at Selected Doctoral Institutions produced by the WMU Graduate College.

Correspondence Sent

1. Letter, 9 July, Osama Abudayyeh, accepting his resignation, due to term limits, as a director on the Faculty Senate Executive Board and thanking him for his many years of service.
2. Memorandum of Action-09/06, Reinstate the Preparation and Publication of Papers and Exhibition of Creative Work (PPPE) Program, 14 July, Provost Tim Greene, forwarded for administrative consideration.
3. Graduate Studies Council Report on Memorandum of Action AY 2003-2008, 15 July, Provost Greene, inquiry about the implementation timeline for MOA 04/14, Establish a Graduate Student Dismissal Policy, approved by former administration on 17 February 2005.
4. Memo, 15 July, Mark Wheeler, GSC Chair, acknowledging receipt of GSC Report on Memorandum of Action AY 2003-2008 and Senate Executive Board's acceptance of the report's two recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Janice Anderson
Faculty Senate Office