

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD
MINUTES OF 7 AUGUST 2009**

Members present: John Jellies, Mary Lagerwey, Dasha Nisula, and Dennis Simpson.
Members absent: Van Cooley William Rantz, and Judith Rypma. **Guests:** Mark Wheeler, Chair, Graduate Studies Council; Julie Nemire, Director, Awards and Special Projects, Graduate College; and Lewis Pyenson, dean, Graduate College. **Also present:** Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office.

The meeting was called to order by Faculty Senate President John Jellies at 11:00 a.m.

*Proposed Memorandum of Action from the Graduate Studies Council to Abolish the
University Residency Requirement for Doctoral Students –
Mark Wheeler and Julie Nemire*

Wheeler asked Nemire to present the rationale for the proposed MOA from GSC then both responded to questions from Executive Board members. She explained the current policy is dated and the MOA proposes each program take control of their residency requirements. If approved, it was felt a year would be needed for the curriculum changes to be completed by the various programs and for the policy to get into the graduate catalog. The attached link is to a handout provided by Nemire:

http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/Aug09_Doc_Residency_Proposal.pdf

Wheeler said the amount of paperwork that rescinding the policy might create had not been considered and should be looked into. Nemire deferred responding to that concern and several other questions to Dean Pyenson whose arrival was delayed due to an earlier meeting. During discussion, Wheeler determined the MOA needed to be returned for review by GSC at its first fall meeting to bring GSC members up to speed on this discussion with Board members. Pending GSC member response, the MOA was slated for presentation by Wheeler at an upcoming fall Senate meeting.

[NOTE: Wheeler and Nemire left the meeting at approximately noon.]

Action/Discussion Items

Acceptance of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes of 24 July 2009

Lagerwey moved, supported by Simpson, to approve the 24 July minutes. Motion carried.

2009-10 Senate (and Council) Meeting Dates and Membership Information

Members received the 2009-10 Senate and council meeting dates and Senate membership information, which is available on the Senate Web site.

Approval of Outstanding Committee Membership

Senate Vice President Simpson, as chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, presented recommendations for faculty to be appointed to two Senate standing committees - Faculty Retirement Recognition Committee and Professional Concerns

Committee - and its recommendations for two University committees -Western Herald Board of Directors and Appeals Committee for the Student Code.

Simpson moved, seconded by Nisula, Board approval of the recommended appointments. Motion carried.

Agenda Items for 17 September 2009 Faculty Senate Meeting

Jellies will make remarks and report any Board actions taken over the summer on behalf of the Senate. Continuing past practice, the University president and provost will be invited to give remarks. It is assumed both might speak longer than usual to report on University activities over the summer. Jellies thought the provost might request additional time to report on strategic planning.

He reported Pat Holton, director, Environmental Safety and Emergency Management, had inquired if the Board would like a presentation to update faculty on the H1N1 flu virus. Board members agreed that timely report should be on the Senate agenda.

[Dean Lewis Pyenson arrived at 12:30 p.m. and was welcomed by Board members.]

Jellies reported on what had been discussed with Wheeler and Nemire concerning the proposed MOA and Pyenson agreed with the decisions made to finalize that MOA for presentation to the Senate in the fall.

As the dean had not met with the Board before, Jellies invited him to share any thoughts or matters he felt members should be informed of regarding the Graduate College or University. Simpson brought up a concern regarding the No Worker Left Behind program that Pyenson said he would follow up on. Jellies invited Pyenson to address the Senate during the upcoming fall semester and thanked him for providing an interesting discussion at today's meeting.

[Pyenson left the meeting.]

Other

The meeting scheduled for Friday, 21 August, was canceled. The next Board meeting will be on Friday, 11 September, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge of the Bernhard Center. Provost Tim Greene is the scheduled guest.

Minutes

1. Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Administrative Appraisal Form, 10 July

Correspondence Received

1. 31 July, MOA-09/06, Preparation and Publication of Papers and Exhibition of Creative Work (PPPE), approved by administration.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Janice Anderson
Faculty Senate Office