

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
MINUTES OF 4 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**Members present:** John Jellies, Mary Lagerwey, Dasha Nisula, William Rantz, Judith Rypma and Dennis Simpson. **Member absent:** Van Cooley. **Guest:** Tim Greene, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. **Also present:** Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office.

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

**Action/Discussion Items**

*Provost Tim Greene*

The Senate Executive Board welcomed Provost Greene. The provost provided handouts of the most recent strategic plan draft. Development of the strategic plan began in April and the provost chronicled the process thus far plus the time frame for getting future input from the Faculty Senate and WMU faculty, student groups, and the Board of Trustees. There will be a site set up on the WMU portal after the draft plan is presented at the 17 September Senate meeting for review and comments. The deadline for completion of the plan is 15 December so that the final strategic plan can be effective 1 January 2010.

Executive Board members reviewed the draft with the provost. Members thanked the provost for providing an overview of the draft prior to presenting it to the full Senate and giving them the opportunity to ask questions, make suggestions, and receive clarifications. They also agreed to assist in facilitating forums the provost is planning to have on the strategic plan. *[NOTE: The provost left the meeting at approximately 1 p.m.]*

*Acceptance of the Agenda and Approval of the Minutes of 7 August 2009*

It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda. Motion carried.  
Nisula moved, supported by Simpson, to approve the 7 August minutes. Motion carried.

*2009 International Education Council Year End Report*

Members reviewed the report submitted by Council Chair Stephen Malcolm.

*Unfinished Business*

Council liaisons to Senate councils and committees were set for the upcoming Senate year:

- Dennis Simpson – Academic and Information Technology Council
- John Jellies – Campus Planning and Finance Council
- William Rantz – Graduate Studies Council
- Mary Lagerwey – International Education Council
- Van Cooley – Research Policies Council
- Dasha Nisula – Undergraduate Studies Council
- Judith Rypma – Professional Concerns Committee

Each Board member serves on a council or committee as the liaison for the Faculty Senate president. If there is a vote called when the Senate president is also in attendance, the Senate president or liaison determine which will cast the one vote they are allowed.

Members revisited an earlier inquiry from Senator Barbara Havira, History, and determined that, at this time, the Executive Board was not inclined to formally address a request for a forum to explore policy positions regarding outside speakers. The Senate Office will convey this to Senator Havira.

*Updates*

Jellies reported on his participation at the convocation for incoming freshman and transfer students that was held on 2 September in Miller Auditorium. He reported that effort to formally welcome students to the University was quite successful.

*Other*

Jellies' term as Faculty Senate president ends in May 2010 and he reminded the Board it's not too soon to be thinking about his successor. The Senate Office was requested to provide a list of eligible candidates to the Board.

As chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Extended University Programs/Online Education, Simpson requested the new associate provost of EUP, Dawn Gaymer, be informed of her membership on that committee.

**Minutes**

1. International Education Council, 18 June

**Correspondence Sent**

1. 10 August, letters reappointing three members to the Faculty Retirement Recognition Committee:
  - Darryl Salisbury, Career English Language Center for International Students, as chair in 2010.
  - Ruth Heining, Emeriti Council, as member with appointment ending September 2010.
  - Elizabeth Amidon, English, as member with appointment ending September 2012.
2. 10 August, letters:
  - Timothy Michael, Health, Physical Education and Recreation, reappointment to the Appeals Committee for the Student Code for a one-year term, ending May 2010.
  - Thomas Swartz, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, reappointment to the Western Herald Board of Directors, with appointment ending May 2012.
  - Robert Eversole, Biological Sciences, reappointment to the Professional Concerns Committee, with appointment ending May 2012.
  - Molly Lynde-Recchia, thanking her for service on the Professional Concerns Committee and confirming the end of her appointment.
  - William Fenn, thanking him for service on the Professional Concerns Committee as both chair and member and confirming the end of his appointment.
3. 27 August, Congratulatory e-mails to all faculty either promoted and/or receiving tenure in the 2009-10 academic year.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Janice Anderson  
Faculty Senate Office