

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
MINUTES OF 9 OCTOBER 2009**

**Members present:** John Jellies, Dennis Simpson, Mary Lagerwey, Dasha Nisula, William Rantz, Judith Rypma and Van Cooley. **Guest:** Fred Sitkins, Chair, WMU Athletic Board. **Also present:** Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office.

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

**Action/Discussion Items**

*Athletic Board – Fred Sitkins*

The WMU Division of Intercollegiate Athletics reports to the Athletics Board. Serving as the faculty representative and committee chair, it is Sitkins' responsibility to make sure Western complies with NCAA rules. He is required to report to the university president, the AAUP, and the Faculty Senate. Sitkins was invited to meet with the Senate Executive Board prior to reporting to the full Senate next year. The success of student athletes in balancing their sports obligations with academics was discussed and Board members suggested this would be a topic most Senators would be interested in hearing about. Sitkins said there is proactive monitoring of all student athletes' academic success at WMU. Their overall GPA is 3.05. Attendance was another topic the Board felt Senators would be interested in learning more about. Jellies mentioned President John Dunn had commented on how fan behavior at WMU games could be improved and wondered if the Athletic Board had made any attempts in dealing with that. Sitkins replied attempts have been made with limited success. Members thanked Sitkins for attending and he left the meeting.

*Acceptance of the Agenda  
Approval of the Minutes of 25 September 2009*

It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda. Motion carried.  
It was moved and seconded, to approve the 25 September minutes. Motion carried.

*Academic Affairs Strategic Plan Forums*

The WMU News encouraged all faculty and staff to attend one of the three University forums that Jellies will be moderating at on

- Tuesday, 13 October, 1 to 3 p.m., 157 Bernhard Center
- Friday, 30 October, noon to 2 p.m., 1025 Brown Hall
- Wednesday, 4 November, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., 208 Bernhard Center

Since the draft strategic plan was announced at the October Senate meeting, Jellies has received numerous requests from faculty to have an on-line conversation and he has forwarded that suggestion to the provost.

*Proposed Memoranda of Action from the International Education Council*

Four proposed MOAs from IEC were discussed. The Board reviewed them and is willing to move three of the MOAs forward to the Senate once they are rewritten and submitted to the Board to clarify what problems or concerns they will resolve. Lagerwey was asked to inform the IEC of that.

*Career English Language Center for International Students (CELCIS) Credit –  
John Jellies*

David Reinhold contacted Jellies regarding the possibility of CELCIS courses counting for credit. The Board decided it would require a policy, rather than a curriculum change, and felt the discussion should be sent to the Undergraduate Studies Council. Jellies will inform Reinhold of this.

*Updates*

Jellies reported on recent conversations he'd had with various administrators on campus. He's been invited to address the Board of Trustees on program planning at their retreat on 2 November. BOT Chairman Ken Miller and WMU President Dunn will be guests at the Campus Planning and Finance Council meeting on 20 October. Jellies suggested candidates for the position of vice president for research be invited to meet with members of the Research Policies Council.

*Other*

Lagerwey inquired if others had problems in receiving information from scantrons used for student evaluation. Since the University of Illinois began handling the processing of those for WMU, Nursing has encountered problems. No one else reported any difficulties thus far.

*Minutes*

1. Professional Concerns Committee, 20 April
2. Undergraduate Studies Council, 15 September
3. Research Policies Council, 17 September

*Correspondence Received*

1. Agenda, Research Policies Council, 8 October
2. 21 September, letter (copy), WMU President John M. Dunn, appointment of Luchara Wallace, Special Education and Literacy Studies, to the Human Subjects Institutional Review Board for three-year term ending September 2012.
3. 5 October, letter, Eileen Evans, Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness, evaluation results from 2009 New Faculty Orientation.

## Correspondence Sent

1. 23 September, e-mail, Vonceal Phillips, Eleven faculty names forwarded as Senate response to request for nominations for the Visiting Scholars and Artists Program Committee.
2. 1 October, letters, appointment letters to members of the 2009-10 Library Committee:
  - Bruce Haight, History, Chair (2012)
  - Ila Baker, CELCIS (2010)
  - Janette Gabel-Goes, Business Information Systems (2012)
  - Richard Junger, Communication (2011)
  - James Kiddle, Chemistry (2011)
  - Michael Miller, Health, Physical Education and Recreation (2012)
  - Zahir Quraeshi, Marketing (2012)
  - John Saillant, English (2010)
  - Caroline Webber, Family and Consumer Sciences (2011)
3. 1 October, letter, to Jo Wiley, Business Information Systems, appointment to the Professional Concerns Committee (2012).
4. 5 October, letter, to Dawn M. Gaymer, acknowledgment of her new position as associate provost for Extended University Programs and welcoming her to WMU.
5. 5 October, letter, to Dawn M. Gaymer, advising her of membership on the Senate's Ad Hoc Committee on Extended University Programs/Online Education due to her new position on campus.
6. 6 October, letter, to Gunther Hega, congratulating him on his election as the Faculty Senator for Political Science.
7. 6 October, letter, to Karen Bondarchuk, congratulating her on her election as the Faculty Senator for the Gwen Frostic School of Art.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Janice Anderson  
Faculty Senate Office