

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD
MINUTES OF 23 OCTOBER 2009**

Members present: Van Cooley, John Jellies, Mary Lagerwey, William Rantz, Judith Rypma and Dennis Simpson. **Member Absent:** Dasha Nisula. **Also present:** Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office.

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

Action/Discussion Items

*Acceptance of the Agenda
Approval of the 9 October Executive Board Minutes
Approval of the 8 October Faculty Senate Minutes*

- It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda. Motion carried.
- Simpson moved and Rantz seconded approval of the 9 October minutes. Motion carried.
- Approval of the 8 October Faculty Senate minutes was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda for 5 November Senate Meeting

The agenda was set for the 5 November Senate Meeting scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the Fetzer Center.

Agenda Suggestions for 10 November Meeting with Administration

A list of agenda topics was suggested and will be forwarded to administration in advance of the meeting.

Proposed Memoranda of Action from the International Education Council

The Board was unable to discuss the proposed MOAs from IEC as revised copies had not yet been received. IEC Chair Maira Bundza will be invited to attend the next Board meeting so the MOAs can be finalized and presented at the 3 December Senate meeting.

Undergraduate Research and Senate Support

The acting dean of the Lee Honors College, Nicholas Andreadis, inquired about the Senate looking into research opportunities for undergraduate students, particularly as co-authors on articles and publications. Members suggested a joint committee of the Research Policies and Undergraduate Studies councils be formed to provide a study that would include opportunities and challenges in creating research opportunities for undergraduates at WMU. Faculty outside of the Senate will be recruited to serve on this Senate committee.

Nominations and Elections Committee Council Nominations

As chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, Senate Vice President Simpson moved and seconded acceptance of four faculty members to fill vacancies on the Campus Planning and Finance, Graduate Studies, and Undergraduate Studies councils. Motion carried. The slate was approved unanimously. Those nominees will be presented for election at the November Senate meeting.

Council / Committee Updates

Research Policies Council – Cooley reported the council would be scheduling an open meeting to talk with the one remaining candidate for vice president for research. No date has been set yet.

Professional Concerns Committee – Jellies reported PCC Chair John B. Miller plans to arrange a meeting with the provost. Rypma said the committee needed clarity from the provost prior to development of any more policies and procedures.

Graduate Studies Council – Rantz reported the council had a lengthy discussion on the draft Academic Affairs Strategic Plan and felt strongly that it promoted a regionalized, rather than expanded vision for WMU.

Academic and Information Technology Council – Simpson mentioned an issue with Blackboard Vista and consolidation of the University's email system.

Ad Hoc Committee on Extended University Programs and Online Education – Simpson said the new associate provost of EUP, Dawn Gaymer, will report on her vision for EUP and how EUP will respond to the Academic Affairs Strategic Plan at its next meeting.

Campus Planning and Finance Council – Jellies reported WMU Board of Trustees Chairman Ken Miller and WMU President John Dunn attended the October meeting.

Updates – John Jellies

Verification of Faculty Credentials Policy Statement – Jellies has received numerous calls from faculty regarding this policy. Since the Faculty Senate was not involved in formulation of this policy which contains a number of elements that relate directly to the faculty, Jellies will meet with the provost to determine how best to represent this policy to the faculty.

Academic Affairs Strategic Plan Forums – Jellies reported on the discussion from the first of the three University forums he will moderate.

Accelerated Degree Policy – A question regarding an interpretation that students may be dual enrolled and in an accelerated degree program simultaneously was brought to the attention of the Board. Jellies referred a decision on this to the provost, as dual enrollment was not to be allowed if a student was in an accelerated degree program.

Other

Rantz, chair of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Administrative Appraisal Form, will report on that committee's activities at the next Board meeting.

Lagerwey questioned why the Sindecuse Health Center was still asking for social security numbers and reported seeing forms containing those numbers left on the reception desk. Simpson said that question should be forwarded to Peter Parker, chair of AITC, for investigation.

Minutes

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

Correspondence Received

1. International Education Council, 17 September
2. Campus Planning and Finance Council, 22 September
3. Graduate Studies Council, 24 September
4. Research Policies Council, 8 October
1. Agenda, Undergraduate Studies Council, 13 October
2. Agenda, International Education Council, 15 October
3. Agenda, Campus Planning and Finance Council, 20 October
4. Agenda, Graduate Studies Council, 22 October
5. 14 October, email, from Harold Glasser, Chair, WMU President's Universitywide Sustainability Committee, thank you and follow up to his presentation at the October Senate meeting.
6. 15 October, memo, from Dasha Nisula, Undergraduate Studies Council update for 23 October Executive Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Janice Anderson
Faculty Senate Office