

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Campus Planning and Finance Council Charge regarding University Master Plan</b></p>
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**Preamble**

As you are aware, the Campus Planning and Finance Council presented the University's Master Plan at the 30 November 2000 Faculty Senate meeting. The Board of Trustees subsequently approved the plan.

According to the Web site, "The Master Plan establishes a framework to accommodate the physical growth and development of the University campus over twenty or more years... A well-crafted master plan supports the University mission, enhances the existing campus image, fosters a sense of physical unity, and provides a campus-wide level of organization" ([www.wmich.edu/masterplan/intro\\_doc.why.html](http://www.wmich.edu/masterplan/intro_doc.why.html)). The Master Plan is a living document, intended to be changed as the University's needs continue to change and evolve.

**Charge**

The Faculty Senate Executive Board charges the Campus Planning and Finance Council with the ongoing task of reviewing the master plan and its implementation and making any necessary recommendations to the Faculty Senate.

**Report Date**

This is an ongoing charge. Please plan to report to the Faculty Senate at each December meeting.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Campus Planning and Finance Council</b> <b>Charge regarding University Operating Budget</b></p>
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**Preamble**

As a publicly-funded, state university, shrewd management of Western Michigan University's operating budget and general fund is essential to the success of the University. The financial operations of the University, when managed fortuitously, support the academic goal and educational mission. Especially under the current climate of substantial reduction in state appropriations and resulting budget cuts, it is important that the budget be handled efficiently and wisely for the most benefit to the University.

**Charge**

The Faculty Senate Executive Board charges the Campus Planning and Finance Council with the task of reviewing the University's operating budget, and reporting any significant items to the Faculty Senate. The council is advised to include in its discussions any parties responsible for management of the University operating budget.

**Report Date**

This is an ongoing charge. Please plan to report to the Faculty Senate at each December meeting.

## **Campus Planning and Finance Council Charge regarding GASB Standards**

### **Preamble**

In 1984, the Financial Accounting Foundation (FAF) organized the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) to “establish standards of financial accounting and reporting for state and local governmental entities. The mission of the GASB is to establish and improve standards of state and local governmental accounting and financial reporting that will result in useful information for users of financial reports; and guide and educate the public, including issuers, auditors, and users of those financial reports. The GASB’s function is important because external financial reporting can demonstrate financial accountability to the public and is the basis for investment, credit, and many legislative and regulatory decisions” ([www.rutgers.edu/Accounting/raw/gasb/facts/mission.html](http://www.rutgers.edu/Accounting/raw/gasb/facts/mission.html)). As a state university, Western Michigan University is required to follow and meet the principles and standards set by GASB.

### **Charge**

The Faculty Senate Executive Board charges the Campus Planning and Finance Council with the task of examining how Western Michigan University adheres to the GASB standards. The council is advised to consider, but not limit its deliberations to, the following questions:

- How does the University ensure that the financial reporting is a “faithful representation of the effects of its activities?”
- How does the University meet the accountability and decision-making needs of the users of its financial reports?
- How does the University implement changes mandated by GASB?

The council is advised to include in its discussions any parties affected by or responsible for any recommendations or suggested implementation.

### **Report Date**

This is an ongoing charge. Please plan to report to the Faculty Senate at each December meeting.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Campus Planning and Finance Council</b> <b>Charge regarding Parking Systems and Transportation</b></p>
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**Preamble**

For several years, Western Michigan University has been expanding away from the main campus. With the relocation of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences and the addition of the Business, Technology, and Research Park to the Parkview Campus, it has become necessary to connect yet another facility to not only the main campus, but to the other various off-campus facilities. As the University continues on this path of expansion, the task of transporting faculty and students to and from various locations will continue to grow.

In addition, on-campus parking remains a controversial topic of discussion among students, faculty, and the administration. The perception that there is not enough parking for the University's commuters and residents remains a constant issue.

**Charge**

The Faculty Senate Executive Board charges the Campus Planning and Finance Council with the ongoing task of studying on- and off-campus transportation and parking systems at the University and developing recommendations for improving the current systems. The council is advised to include in its discussions the WMU chapter of the AAUP, as parking is covered by the Agreement. Also, please include any other parties affected by or responsible for any recommendations or suggested implementation.

**Report Date**

This is an ongoing charge. Please plan to report to the Faculty Senate at each December meeting.

<p style="text-align:center"><b>Campus Planning and Finance Council and Technology and Operations Council Charge regarding Classroom Development</b></p>
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### **Preamble**

The use of technology in higher education continues to grow and develop on the University's campus. In his 1 February 2001 State of the University Address, former President Floyd included in one of his four initiatives the need "to build and strengthen our information technology systems within and outside our classrooms." In order to meet this goal, the University's classrooms must accommodate current and future technology needs of faculty and students.

Typically, classrooms fall into one of four general categories:

- Basic – General purpose classrooms that have no permanent installed technology, but have an environment conducive to the use of mobile technology;
- Basic plus – Small to medium size general purpose classrooms that have basic video playback equipment and offer an environment conducive to the use of mobile technology;
- Mid-range – General purpose classrooms with installed video/data projectors, VCR, and the ability to connect a laptop;
- Advanced technology – General purpose classrooms with installed video/data projectors, VCR, PC and MAC computers, auxiliary inputs, and a touch screen system controller.

### **Charge**

The Faculty Senate Executive Board charges both the Campus Planning and Finance Council and the Technology and Operations Council to work together to develop recommendations to upgrade classrooms to meet the technology needs of faculty and students. The councils are advised to consider, but not limit deliberations to, the following questions:

- What is the faculty use of, or need for, specific equipment?
- What type of fixed or mobile technology will meet the needs of faculty?
- What are the priorities in terms of renovation?
- What infrastructure changes are required (i.e., support staff)?
- What security issues need to be addressed (i.e., property theft and damage)?

The councils may wish to complete this charge by establishing a conference committee with, perhaps, two representatives from each council. The council is advised to include in its discussions any parties affected by or responsible for any recommendations or suggested implementation.

### **Report Date**

A joint, final report should be submitted to the Faculty Senate Executive Board by **1 November 2003**, for presentation to the Faculty Senate at the **December 2003** meeting.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Campus Planning and Finance Council</b> <b>Charge regarding Permanent Sculpture Sites</b></p>
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**Preamble**

For several years now, WMU's Sculpture Tour has positively contributed to the campus aesthetics. In addition to beautiful landscaping, the sculptures, both temporary and permanent, bring the whole campus community together in an inspiring setting. However, formal policies and procedures that guide the site selection for permanent outdoor sculptures do not exist.

**Charge**

The Faculty Senate Executive Board charges the Campus Planning and Finance Council with the task of developing policies and procedures for the selection of sites for permanent outdoor sculptures and other artwork. The council is advised to include in its discussions any parties affected by or responsible for any recommendations or suggested implementation.

**Report Date**

Please submit your report to the Faculty Senate Executive Board by **1 November 2004**, for presentation to the Faculty Senate at the **December 2004** meeting.

<p style="text-align:center"><b>Campus Planning and Finance Council</b> <b>Charge regarding Endowed Chairs and Professorships</b></p>
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**Preamble**

According to San Francisco State University:

“The strength of a great university resides in its faculty. The identification, recruitment, and support of that faculty are, therefore, a major priority for the institution. The endowment of a faculty chair or professorship is one way to respond to that priority... Endowed chairs and professorships bring with them several benefits. First, professors honored by such appointments are accorded prestige and recognition within the university and in the wider academic community. Second, donors gain the satisfaction of knowing that their names will be linked in perpetuity to a commitment to academic excellence through the achievement of the occupants of the role. Third, the University will be able to secure and sustain quality faculty even in the face of stiff competition from other academic institutions” ([http://www.sfsu.edu/~develop/end\\_chair.htm](http://www.sfsu.edu/~develop/end_chair.htm)).

**Charge**

The Faculty Senate Executive Board charges the Campus Planning and Finance Council with the task of developing strategies to increase the visibility and the number of endowed chairs and professorships at WMU. In addition, the council is charged to develop policies and procedures for the establishment of and appointment to the endowed positions.

The council is advised to include in its discussions any parties affected by or responsible for any recommendations or suggested implementation.

**Report Date**

Please submit your report to the Faculty Senate Executive Board by **1 November 2004**, for presentation to the Faculty Senate at the **December 2004** meeting.