

Charges for Campus Planning and Finance Council (CPFC) 2005-06

In addition to standing charges and issues related to the mission of the council, the Executive Board charges the Campus Planning and Finance Council with the following:

1. Class scheduling and building usage

As WMU expands geographically (Oakland Avenue, Parkview campuses in particular) current policies for scheduling classes may need to be revisited. The CPFC is charged to study the standard slots for scheduling classes, determine the extent of any problems (current or anticipated) for student transit times, and recommend any changes in policy to address these problems. This charge may also include building utilization patterns and changes due to planned closures of classroom facilities, and/or the extent to which current policies are followed university-wide.

2. Endowed Chairs and Professorships

The CPFC is still charged with taking a look at the current situation with regard to endowed chairs and professorships on the WMU faculty. At a minimum, we would like a formal report with some recent history as background, an authoritative list of the current number of such positions, etc. Ideally, the council will also discuss and report on how such positions benefit the University, and fit with our mission and goals. Policy recommendations would be welcome where appropriate, for example if the CPFC believes these programs should be more visible or expanded, and in regard to establishing such chairs and making appointments. This is a continuation of an earlier charge.

3. Review the structure and functioning of the CPFC as part of the periodic Senate review mandated by our constitution. In this connection, the CPFC will work with a committee being chaired by Mary Lagerwey.

It is understood that the CPFC will continue to monitor the University budget and keep the faculty apprised of important developments. The council is free to determine the specifics of how to address these charges, and how it assigns priority among these and other tasks it wishes to engage in through the course of the year. We ask the CPFC to keep the Executive Board apprised of progress, especially in connection with any memorandum of action (MOA) which may develop, and to give ample notice of intent to bring action or reports to the full Faculty Senate.