

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Minutes of 17 September 2009

The Faculty Senate met in the Banquet Rooms of the Fetzer Center. There were 69 Senators and substitutes present. **Absent:** S. Asefa, J. Asumadu, S. Ayers, R. Cooper, P. Farber, D. Salisbury, D. Simpson, P. Solomon, and J. Wiebold.

Also present: Said AbuBakr, chair, Paper Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Imaging; Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office; Nick Andreadis, acting dean, Lee Honors College; Andrea Beach, Faculty Development; Susan Caulfield, director of academic collective bargaining and contract administration; Barbara Cockrell, associate dean, University Libraries; Alexander Enyedi, senior associate dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Eileen Evans, vice provost for institutional effectiveness; Bassam Harik, vice provost for budget and personnel, academic affairs; Pat Holton, director, Environmental Safety and Emergency Management; Carol Hustoles, vice president for legal affairs and general counsel; Craig Kaml, interim associate provost for Extended University Programs; Thomas Kent, dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Nate Knappen, president, Western Student Association; James Leja, chair, Blindness and Low Vision Studies; Lisa Marshall, medical director, Sindecuse Health Center; Donald McCloud, dean, Haenicke Institute for Global Education; Margaret Merrion, dean, College of Fine Arts; Patrick Munley, chair, Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology; Suzie Nagel, associate dean of students; Dave Powell, dean, College of Aviation; Lewis Pyenson, dean, Graduate College; David Reinhold, associate provost for assessment and undergraduate studies; Joseph Reish, dean, University Libraries; Cheryl Roland, executive director, University Relations; Ajay Samant, interim dean, Haworth College of Business; Nancy Schullery, Business Information Systems; Alexander Smith, Western Student Association; Susan Stapleton, associate dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Earlie Washington, dean, College of Health and Human Services; Gary Wegenke, dean, College of Education and Human Development; and Donna Weinreich, Social Work.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Faculty Senate President John Jellies called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Acceptance of the Agenda

It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of 14 May 2009

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Faculty Senate Executive Board Report – John Jellies, Faculty Senate President

Jellies reported the Faculty Senate Executive Board met every other week throughout the summer to continue the work of the Senate and act on its behalf. As Senate president, Jellies also continued to have individual meetings with administrators, as well as participated on a committee preparing for the Higher Learning Commission site visit. A few specific updates on summer activities were:

(1) Two non-contested council membership seats were filled.

- Cheryl Bruey, Theatre, Campus Planning and Finance Council
- Carrie Leatherman, Libraries, Research Policies Council

(2) The Research Policies Council submitted MOA-09/06, Preparation and Publication of Papers and Exhibition of Creative Work (PPPE) to reinstate the PPPE program within the suite of Faculty Research and Creative Activities Support Fund (FRACASF) programs, as previously administered. This MOA was approved by the Executive Board and by the administration.

(3) The Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Administrative Appraisal Form, chaired by Executive Board Director Bill Rantz, was created to review and make recommendations to the instrument and procedure.

Moving into the fall 2009 Semester, Jellies said formalization of council charges were pending. He mentioned the Senate Executive Board had reviewed food expenses at Senate meetings and discontinued providing pop and bottled water.

He introduced new senators elected by their departments over the summer:

- Adam Manley, Family and Consumer Sciences
- Barbara Liggett, Public Affairs and Administration
- Silvia Rossbach, Biological Sciences (substituting for Steve Malcolm while he is on sabbatical)

Jellies expressed appreciation for the service from all the Senate council chairs and welcomed new council chairs:

- Maira Bundza, Libraries, International Education Council
- Steven Ziebarth, Mathematics, Research Policies Council
- Bruce Ferrin, Marketing, Undergraduate Studies Council

The Senate Executive Board received the annual report from Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel Carol Hustoles regarding requests for email access had been received. She reported that no requests were received last year.

Jellies thanked senators for their hard work on behalf of the Senate, the faculty, and the University. He anticipates another full and engaging academic year, noting there were several agenda items already scheduled for the upcoming fall Senate meetings.

Jellies announced Provost Greene would not be making general comments at this meeting, since the provost would be providing the academic strategic plan.

Remarks by John Dunn – WMU President

President Dunn said he too supported and appreciated the important role of the Faculty Senate and shared governance at WMU. He then highlighted some of the University activities he participated in over the summer:

- The WMU Board of Trustees approved the College of Education's name change to the College of Education and Human Development.
- The retention success of WMU's Foster Youth and Higher Education Initiative and the John Seita Scholarship Program, is far out performing the norm.
- The potential expansion of the Business Technology and Research Park on the Orchard property, with assurances the Asylum Lake property would be saved and not developed.
- Success of the first matriculation ceremony to welcome first year and transfer students.
- The Academic Convocation was held in September. Award recipients were:
 - Distinguished Service Awards: Eileen Evan, vice provost for institutional effectiveness, and Sue Oole, academic advisor, Lee Honors College
 - Distinguished Teaching Awards: Chad Edwards, communication, and Peter Parker, paper engineering, chemical engineering, and imaging
 - Distinguished Faculty Scholar: William Liou, mechanical and aeronautical engineering
 - Emerging Faculty Scholars: Michael Grammer, geosciences, and Tokashi Yoshida, history.
- Bronco Bash with 20,000 reported in attendance. Demonstrated fun and social experience was also part of university life.
- Enrollment was down less than 1 percent from last year, despite challenge of a reduced number of graduating high school students.
- WMU sited as one of the best universities to work for in a survey of faculty and staff by the Chronicle of Higher Education. This rating based on benefits and policies.
- WMU recognized in *GI Jobs* in top 15% of military friendly universities.
- Due to committee work of Harold Glasser, the President's Universitywide Sustainability Committee and WMU students, WMU will receive a sustainability award next week.
- WMU joined the Confucius Institute and is its 61st signatory in United States. WMU's is partnering with the Beijing Language and Cultural University. Xiaojun Wang, foreign languages, and other WMU faculty are responsible for making this happen.
- Legislative update – Still waiting for movement on state budget by House and Senate.

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

The H1N1 Virus and Pandemic Planning – Lisa Marshall, Medical Director, Sindecuse Health Center, and Pat Holton, Director, Environmental Safety and Emergency Management

Marshall read the following Power Point presentation <http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/H1N1.Presentation.ppt> and Holton walked the audience through the WMU Influenza Information Center Web site <http://www.wmich.edu/flu/index.html>

Academic Affairs Strategic Plan – Tim Greene, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, with Academic Deans

Provost Greene provided a draft of the strategic plan, giving an overview of its development thus far in consultation with the college deans, the university president, and the Faculty Senate Executive Board. The provost said a Web site would be up shortly and requested Senators to share the draft with their colleagues. At this stage, he welcomes input from faculty and plans to host an open faculty forum for further discussion, which Senate President Jellies will moderate. The final version of the strategic plan will be implemented in January 2010.

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC CONCERNS

During discussion of the strategic plan, the meaning of "global literacy" was questioned which prompted discussion of that term. Dean Donald McCloud announced the Haenicke Institute for Global Education was sponsoring a luncheon on global literacy at noon on Wednesday, 30 September, in Room D208 of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences and invited interested parties to attend.

Michael Famiano, substitute Senator from Physics, spoke of a recent encounter with a visually disabled student that prompted Famiano to ask that faculty members remain sensitive to the needs of the disabled student body. At issue for visually disabled students is that class text books are available suited to their needs.

President Dunn very much appreciated Famiano sharing his concern and reminded Senators the Disabled Student Resources and Services Office was available to assist disabled students. Senator Nibert expressed that she hoped sufficient financial resources were made available so that office could continue to support disabled students.

Senator Loren Heun, statistics, inquired whether a universal clicker for WMU had been selected yet. James Gilchrist, vice president for academic operations and CIO, reported a committee had been formed to determine that, chaired by Brad Morgan, Office of Information Technology. Its next meeting was on Wednesday,

30 September, at 3:30 p.m. Heun accepted Gilchrist's invitation to become a committee member.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Senate meeting will be held on Thursday, 8 October, in the Banquet Rooms of the Fetzer Center. Harold Glasser, chair, President's Universitywide Sustainability Committee, will present on sustainability and WMU President John Dunn and Jack Luderer, executive director, Biosciences Research and Commercialization Center will report on the status of the proposed medical school.

Senate President Jellies adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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