

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Minutes of 28 January 2010

The Faculty Senate met in a special session in the Fetzer Center Banquet Rooms. There were 58 Senators and substitutes present. **Absent:** O. Abudayyeh, S. Asefa, B. Barton, R. Cooper, B. Ferrin, L. Foulk, J. Gilchrist, C. Henderson, B. Johnson, B. Liggett, G. Mezei, H. Nibert, D. Nisula, D. Pence, J. Ruhl, J. Rypma, D. Salisbury, W. Sauck, D. Walcott, M. Wheeler, K. Wirtz. **Also present:** Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office; Nick Andreadis, acting dean, Lee Honors College; Sue Caulfield, director of academic collective bargaining and contract administration; Linwood Cousins, director, social work; Mike Famiano, Physics; Dawn Gaymer, associate provost for Extended University Programs; Rick Gershon, Communication; Harold Glasser, Environmental Studies Program; Bassam Harik, Bassam Harik, vice provost for budget and personnel, academic affairs; Carol Hustoles, vice president for legal affairs and general counsel; Carly Kuppe, Western Herald; Andrew Ladd, Alexander Smith, and Josh Weaver, Western Student Association; Margaret Merrion, dean, College of Fine Arts; 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; Joe Reish, dean, University Libraries; Ajay Samant, interim dean, Haworth College of Business; Fred Sitkins, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering; Susan Stapleton, associate dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Raymond Thompson, associate dean, College of Aviation; Tony Vizzini, dean, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences; Gary Wegenke, dean, College of Education and Human Development; Bob Wertkin, Millennial Project.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

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

Remarks – John Jellies, Faculty Senate President

Jellies opened this special session of the Senate noting it was held at the request of Provost Tim Greene to provide him the opportunity to share updates on the Academic Affairs Strategic Plan. The regularly scheduled 4 February Senate meeting will still be held next week.

Remarks by John Dunn – WMU President

President Dunn reported on input, recommendations and thoughts received in response to his budget letter requesting money-saving ideas for the budget from the campus community. Submissions are welcomed through Monday, 15 February. Information about the University budget is available on the Web site and the president said not to hesitate to ask any question about the budget. He plans to provide more budget information at the 4 February Senate meeting.

Enrollment is consistent with projections. Application are up 16% and admissions are up 20%. Last week's Medallion Competition had 703 students from all over the United States competing. Last year's competition hosted 420 students. Enrollment in the Lee Honors College is up.

The first Gold Pride reception was held in Chicago last week and was attended by 132 students and their families. Tonight, President Dunn will be leaving the Senate meeting early to attend the Gold Pride reception being hosted on campus.

John Wheeler has been selected as the new dean of the College of Education and Human Development. An external search is continuing for the dean of Business and the search for a Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations is moving forward.

Both Borgess and Bronson Hospitals have endorsed work towards development of the School of Medicine. Representatives have met with the Liaison Committee on Medical Education in Chicago and the next step in the process is to secure a founding dean. There have been numerous invitations and opportunities for community discussion. President Dunn cited attending an annual dinner at Borgess Hospital with over 200 physicians in attendance and upcoming invitations to meet with the Battle Creek Health Board and St. Joseph County Health Services Providers.

He congratulated two student groups, each of which took first place in recent competitions:

- American Humanics group led by Janice Maatman, School of Public Affairs and Administration, won top award in a Humanics competition.
- WMU students will take their ideas about a national retirement system to Congress Feb. 4 after winning the national iOMe Challenge competition, led by Susan Hoffman, Political Science.

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEM

Update on the Academic Affairs Strategic Plan – Tim Greene, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

<http://www.wmich.edu/provost/AAPanning/2010%20Faculty%20senate%20Presentation%201.28.10.ppt>
(Note: If the link does not open, you can copy and paste the URL into your browser.)

Provost Greene presented a PowerPoint which highlighted input received from the academic community regarding the draft Academic Affairs Strategic Plan. He was pleased with the tremendous number of responses received and thanked everyone in the campus community for their efforts and contributions. He noted that three Faculty Senate councils had sent extensive comments and said the Faculty Senate would have a role in future revisions of the strategic plan.

The provost reviewed the main themes and also acknowledged the wide range of differences of thought and concerns expressed across campus. He presented numerous examples of where the input received was incorporated into the document.

The Provost's Council will be reviewing the strategic plan on Friday, 29 January, and it is anticipated the final version of the plan will be posted on the provost's Web site on Monday, 1 February.

The provost responded to several questions following his presentation.

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC CONCERNS

Senator John Petrovic questioned the lack of sufficient faculty parking spaces near Everett Tower. Vice President Lowell Rinker responded that he would review the situation.

Vice President Rinker was asked to convey appreciation to grounds workers for all their efforts towards snow and ice removal.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate President Jellies adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Janice Anderson
Faculty Senate Office