

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Minutes of 6 May 2010**

The 2009-10 Faculty Senate met in the Fetzer Center Auditorium. There were 53 Senators and substitutes present. **Absent:** H. Addison, S. Asefa, T. Bailey, K. Baldner, J. Berkow, A. Choudhury, V. Cooley, L. Foulk, J. Gilchrist, T. Greene, H. Koole, J. Oh, R. Manley, K. McDonnell, M. Mickus, L. Palmer, C. Pavlik, J. Petrovic, J. Ruhl, W. Sauck, P. Solomon, A. Veeck, G. Veeck, R. Wait, M. Wheeler, K. Wirtz, S. Ziebarth. **Also present:** Andrea Beach, Office of Faculty Development; James Blankenship, Auxiliary Enterprises; Jon Collier and Mike Strong, TotalTECH; Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office; Terry Hudson, director, WMU Bookstore; Carol Hustoles, vice president for legal affairs and general counsel; Raymond Thompson, associate dean, College of Aviation; Anthony Vizzini, dean, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Faculty Senate President John Jellies called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. He noted there would actually be two meetings. As May meetings are considered special sessions, their agendas are not subject to review or modification.

Approval of the Minutes of 1 April

The minutes of 1 April were approved as published.

Faculty Senate Executive Board Report

Faculty Senate President Jellies thanked the following:

- those who served on the Senate and/or its councils and committees and recognized Senators whose terms were ending:
 - Kristina Wirtz, Anthropology
 - Darryl Salisbury, Center for English Language and Culture for International Students
 - Cynthia Klekar, English
 - Alamgir Choudhury, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering
 - Robert Landeros, Management
 - Lin Foulk, Music
 - Amy Curtis, Physician Assistant
 - Raja Aravamuthan, Representative-at-Large
 - Paul Solomon, Representative-at-Large
- Senate Office staff, Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport
- Executive Board members – Vice President Dennis Simpson, Directors Van Cooley, Mary Lagerwey, Dasha Nisula, William Rantz and Judith Rypma.

The terms for officers conclude tonight. Jellies will remain on the Board for one year as past president and William Rantz begins a two-year term as vice president.

The summary results of the provost's appraisal were provided to Provost Tim Greene in advance of the meeting. As the provost was out of town, he sent a message

conveying his sincere appreciation for the feedback and noted the written comments were especially helpful. Jellies introduced William Rantz, chair of the ad hoc committee that redesigned the instrument used for this appraisal, to give an overview of the results.

Summary Results: 944 appraisals were sent, 273 were returned, or 29% response rate. The average number of responses in the following categories were:

	Positive	Negative	Neutral/No Basis/Don't Know
Academic Affairs Direction and Planning	58	28	46
Academic Affairs Management	53	27	48
Academic Affairs Communication	56	20	52
Overall	58	34	37

Senate Vice President Simpson requested time to recognize Jellies' service to the Senate. On behalf of the 2008-2010 Senate Executive Board, he presented Jellies with a gavel then read the following:

*In Recognition of Service to Western Michigan University's Faculty Senate
John A. Jellies, Faculty Senate President 2008-2010*

John A. Jellies assumed the presidency of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate on May 1, 2008. He previously served as Faculty Senate vice president and has had a long history of participation in shared governance. His dedication to the Senate and the University has been unwavering.

Throughout his Senate presidency, John has remained true to his ideals and upheld the spirit of participatory governance in academia. As he has worked to promote and encourage faculty participation in shared governance, John has willingly served both the Senate and the administration, on behalf of the Senate, when called upon to sit on numerous University committees.

John has led the Senate with great integrity in both public and private to insure that all voices were heard to the fullest extent possible. As he concludes his term as Faculty Senate president this evening, we extend our appreciation for John's leadership and service to the WMU Faculty Senate.

The Professional Concerns Committee was asked to look at the "probation" clause in the University's Academic Standing Policy. The core issue that needs to be addressed revolves around the possibility that a student who has taken - but not passed - only a single class during the summer terms would by our current policy be at risk of dismissal. As a policy to address this will require more discussion, the PCC supported this suggestion from the registrar..."before sending a dismissal letter to a student, a hold be placed on their account and the student be sent to an advisor for the advisor to make a recommendation on allowing the student to continue for one more semester on extended probation."

Senate President Jellies delivered some final thoughts as Senate president as he addressed his colleagues:

- He will cherish the opportunity to serve in this office. Colleagues have done the outstanding work on behalf of their programs, students, and institution.
- He has been thrilled to see many of their aspirations and initiatives come to fruition and become approved MOAs that become active policy and agonized over the few times when he hasn't been able to see a path clear to helping some of their aspirations come to the floor.
- Our Faculty Senate is strong. We receive extremely positive attention from our administration, Board of Trustees, the larger community and other institutions. While working on the Higher Learning Commission report on joint governance, he learned the Senate meets or exceeds all of the benchmarks articulated by the National AAUP and the American Federation of Teachers as signals of effective Senates. To his knowledge, we are one of the few, if not the only Senate that does so. He hoped that in his brief time they have felt some degree of confidence in joint efforts.
- He did not promise a grand vision because he tends to view such grand visions as grand illusions meant to collude and obfuscate and get in the way. It is not his vision that's important, it's the Senate's. He hoped that he in collaboration with the Executive Board, worked to facilitate his colleagues' visions and helped our administration implement them.
- He asked for continued support of this body and these offices and strongly encouraged consideration by his colleagues of how they can contribute to the success of other colleagues and the institution and remain an active part of the Senate and the Academy.

Remarks by John Dunn – WMU President

President Dunn commented on the following:

- Searches:
 - The vice president for development and alumni relations – the committee will be ready for offsite candidate interviews by the end of May.
 - Dean searches are ongoing for: Haworth College of Business, Lee Honors College and College of Arts and Sciences
 - Founding dean of medicine – So far, 18 candidates have applied for this position.
- Legislative Updates: While WMU has been thoughtful about costs and sustainability commitments, no change is seen in funding levels from the legislature. This will result in a tuition increase at WMU. The need for funding of Phase II of Sangren Hall was expressed and WMU is moving forward with this project after waiting 20 years to replace this building.
- The state Senate rejected the governor's appointments to several universities, including those to WMU's Board of Trustees.
- He extended congratulations to recipients of the Distinguished Teaching Award.
- U.S. President Barack Obama will give the commencement speech for Kalamazoo Central High School. President Dunn extended WMU's assistance to Kalamazoo Public Schools Superintendent Michael Rice to help with this endeavor.

- The contract with the Part Time Instructor's Organization was ratified by the Board of Trustees. The Trustees' next meeting will be on 1 June.
- WMU will formally open an office in Detroit on 11 May. This office will be used for alumni relations opportunities, enhanced recruitment of high school seniors, community college students, and for Extended University Programs.
- An alumni event will be held on May 18 in Minneapolis/St. Paul. A large number of alumni are in Minnesota, including University of Minnesota President Bob Bruininks.
- He thanked those participating in graduation. Among the graduates were 17 Kalamazoo Promise students, 53 veterans, and the first SEITA scholar.
- He thanked the Senate for its work and the manner in which it conducts its deliberations. He appreciates this opportunity for exchange of views.
- He thanked President Jellies for his leadership, counsel, and support and presented him with a gift.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Textbook EBook Issues – Terry Hudson, Director, WMU Bookstore
http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/Senate_ebooks.ppt

Terry Hudson introduced Mike Strong, manager, and Jon Collier, assistant manager, TotalTECH, and James Blankenship, director of application development, Auxiliary Enterprises. The trend and increasing demand for digital media will impact textbooks on our campus. Several e-books and e-readers are available and three devices were shown – the Sony reader, the Kindle, and the iPad. Blankenship discussed his role in software development in contemplating the evolution of e-books, noting there are challenges. A demo was shown of Vital Source Book Shelf. A fall pilot is planned to get devices into the classroom. Associate Dean of Libraries Barbara Cockrell responded to a question on the impact on the libraries and noted they already have subscriptions to over one quarter million e-books. Also discussed was warehousing and renting hard copies of textbooks.

[NOTE: Comments regarding use of publishers' course management systems follow in the 2010-11 meeting minutes.]

Introduction of 2010-11 Faculty Senate President-Elect Peter Krawutschke – John Jellies

Senate President Jellies formally introduced Peter Krawutschke, who will take over as president of the 2010-11 Faculty Senate. Professor Krawutschke has been at WMU since 1967 and is a professor of German in the Department of Foreign Languages. He served as Faculty Senate president from 2002-04, and has been a Senate representative-at-large since 1999. He previously served as secretary to the WMU-AAUP. He served as president of several translation associations, including most recently the American Foundation for Translation and Interpretation, Inc.

ADJOURNMENT OF 2009-10 FACULTY SENATE

Senate President Jellies adjourned the 2009-10 Faculty Senate at 6 p.m.

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PROCEDURAL ITEMS

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Remarks – Peter Krawutschke, Faculty Senate President

Senate President Krawutschke made the following remarks:

- He thanked his colleagues for allowing him to serve our university in this role as the culmination of his career at WMU. There is no higher honor for a faculty member than to serve as president of a university faculty senate. He has been here for some time, earning his B.A. and M.A. from Western. He is a bronco and he owes this University and his students a great career.
- The function of the Faculty Senate is to advise the president and the provost on academic issues of significance to our work and to the education our students receive. The coming years will confront us with a number of serious issues which will demand all of our good will to solve. Expenses for higher education are scrutinized more than ever. He hopes we will not allow the experiences of our immediate organizational past to shape our collective efforts to improve the work we do for our students and our disciplines.
- He had brief introductory meetings with President Dunn and Provost Greene and came away from these meetings with the impression that both want the best for our students, for our faculty, and for our university at a time that will put considerable pressure on their leadership to sustain this institution. The Faculty Senate stands ready to assist, to advise, and to offer support based on Western's longstanding tradition of shared governance.

Senate President Krawutschke introduced Peter Parker, chair of the Academic and Information Technology Council, with an important announcement concerning the use of publisher's course management systems for storing grades or other confidential student information. This is a follow-up to the textbook e-book presentation in the 2009-10 meeting.

Senator Parker noted many textbook publishers offer course management systems with their texts which allow instructors to create exams and quizzes as well as other course material. Some offer to keep grade book as well. The Family Educational Right to Privacy Act (FERPA) specifies grades are confidential information about the student and it is the instructor's and the institution's responsibility to maintain and

ensure that confidentiality. Instructors and WMU have no control over the publisher's record keeping or knowledge of the security of their record keeping process. Any disclosure of confidential information by the publisher would most likely result in significant liability for the instructor and WMU. So until the issue can be more fully studied, do not use publisher's course management systems for storing grades or other confidential student information.

Introduction and Welcome of New Senators

Senate President Krawutschke welcomed and expressed appreciation to continuing and re-elected Senators and representatives-at-large to the 2010-11 Senate and individually recognized and welcomed new Senators:

- Jacqueline Eng, Anthropology
- Mary Lu Light, Center for English Language and Culture for International Students
- Elizabeth Bradburn, English
- Pavel Ikononov, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering
- Bret Wagner, Management
- Deanna Swoboda, Music
- Maureen Mickus, Occupational Therapy
- David Areaux, Physician Assistant
- Dennis Simpson, Representative-at-Large

ACTION ITEMS

Election of Directors to the Faculty Senate Executive Board

An election was held for five directors for two-year terms to the Senate Executive Board. Eligibility is restricted to elected members of the current Senate or past Senates who have served for at least one year and Board members must be from four different colleges or unaffiliated units.

Senate President Krawutschke asked the following to serve on the Executive Board, and they all agreed to serve if elected:

- Osama Abudayyeh, Engineering and Applied Sciences
- Van Cooley, Education and Human Development
- Mary Lagerwey, Health and Human Services
- Judith Rypma, Arts and Sciences
- Delores Walcott, University Counseling and Testing Center (Unaffiliated Units)

With no additional nominations from the floor, nominations were closed and a motion was made to approve these five nominations by acclamation. Motion carried.

Election of Council Members – William Rantz, Chair, Nominations and Elections Committee

Senate Vice President William Rantz conducted the election of council members. These nominations were approved by the NEC and the Executive Board.

- The first ballot distributed listed single nominations for council positions. As allowed by Senate Bylaws, these may be elected by acclamation. A motion

was made by Rantz and seconded to approve these single nominations. The motion was approved by acclamation.

- The second ballot listed several faculty interested in serving on councils, which required a written ballot. Those results would be available the following afternoon from the Senate Office.

[NOTE: The election results for newly elected or re-elected council members to three-year terms (unless noted otherwise) follow.]

ACADEMIC AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

- Sharie Falan, Nursing (two-year term)
- Bernard Han, Business Information Systems
- Robert Leneway, Educational Leadership, Research and Technology
- Viviane Ruellot, Foreign Languages
- Lisa Whittaker, Aviation Sciences

CAMPUS PLANNING AND FINANCE COUNCIL

- Cheryl Bruey, Theatre
- Harold Glasser, Environmental Studies Program
- C. R. Krishna-Swamy, Finance and Commercial Law
- Kathleen Langan, Libraries (two-year term)

GRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL

- Said AbuBakr, Paper Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Imaging
- Michele Behr, Libraries
- Gary Bischof, Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology
- Christine Byrd-Jacobs, Biological Sciences

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

- Sisay Asefa, Economics
- Robert Dlouhy, Center for English Language and Culture for International Students
- Stephen Malcolm, Biological Sciences
- Shaila Rao, Special Education and Literacy Studies
- Bret Wagner, Management

RESEARCH POLICIES COUNCIL

- Muralidhar Ghantasala, Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering
- Vladimir Risukhin, Aviation Sciences
- Stephen Tasko, Speech Pathology and Audiology
- Alan Wuosmaa, Physics

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL

- Ariel Anderson, Teaching, Learning and Educational Studies
- Kent Baldner, Philosophy
- Bruce Ferrin, Marketing
- Marilyn Kritzman, Communication
- Charlotte Thralls, English
- Vince Torano, Art

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be scheduled in fall semester. Senate President Krawutschke adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office