## WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES OF 20 AUGUST 2010

Members present: Van Cooley, John Jellies, Peter Krawutschke, Mary Lagerwey,

William Rantz, Judith Rypma and Delores Walcott.

Member absent: Osama Abudayyeh

Also present: Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office.

The meeting was called to order by Faculty Senate President Peter Krawutschke at 11 a.m.

#### **Action/Discussion Items**

Acceptance of the Agenda
Approval of 30 July Executive Board Minutes

- It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda. Motion carried.
- Rantz moved and Rypma seconded approval of the 20 July Executive Board minutes. Motion carried.

Review of Meeting with Administration

Members reviewed topics discussed at their meeting with the president and provost on 4 August.

#### Budget Forum Update

The AAUP's announcement of the Faculty Senate's co-sponsorship of the upcoming 30 September budget forum was not in compliance with the Senate request that the speaker selected by the Senate be included on the same agenda as the three AAUP speakers. Although this was deemed a result of miscommunication, Board members felt it could be remedied and that the Senate speaker's name should be added to future announcements for this event on the first page along with the AAUP's three main speakers. As it stands now, the Senate's speaker's name is to appear on a second page of the agenda along with another faculty speaker chosen by the AAUP and several Michigan politicians. Members unanimously agreed that this correction be strongly suggested to the AAUP by Senate President Krawutschke.

# Update on Council Charges

Krawutschke confirmed with the Board that council charges would be approved via email once he had met with administrative members on several of the councils for their additional recommendations for the charges. Krawutschke reported meeting with Donald McCloud, dean, Haenicke Institute for Global Education, and had upcoming meetings scheduled with Tim Greene, provost and vice president for academic affairs, and Lowell Rinker, vice president for business and finance and chief financial officer. He also planned to schedule a meeting with Jim Gilchrist, vice provost for academic operations and chief information officer.

Also, Krawutschke added this charge to the Graduate Studies Council's charges: Review the graduate reading requirement in foreign language proficiency for Ph.D. students.

Membership Appointments to the Transfer of Credit Standing Committee

The Board was informed of recruitment efforts and reviewed and appointed those members that had been contacted and willing to serve on this committee to date.

## Proposed Fall Meetings with Departmental Faculty

As recommended by the Board, Krawutschke withdrew his proposed suggestion for faculty outreach. Discussion ensued about development of outreach ideas to faculty. At the October Faculty Senate meeting, senators will be reminded to request time at departmental meetings to inform their colleagues about Senate activities and discussions, as well as to report any appropriate departmental faculty concerns to the Senate's attention.

## Additional Updates

Rantz reported his attendance at the 11 August University Libraries Summer Picnic on the Senate's behalf.

Krawutschke commented on his presentation at the New Faculty Orientation and his recent August meeting with the president.

Cooley reported on a meeting at which Registrar Barbara McKinney and Keith Hearit, vice provost for strategic enrollment management, discussed a 16 week semester proposed as an option to the Summer I and II sessions which could run parallel to those abbreviated sessions and would allow more flexibility for certain courses taught over the summer. This idea has been discussed previously but consideration of this proposal has resurfaced.

As Keith Hearit's meeting with the Executive Board was postponed until 17 September, Jellies again encouraged members to review the Strategic Enrollment Management plan before meeting with Hearit.

#### Public Safety Oversight Committee Membership

Lowell Rinker emailed Krawutschke requesting the names of two faculty members appointed by the Senate Executive Board to serve on the Public Safety Oversight Committee. This committee fulfills WMU's legal responsibility to provide a process for grievances should any be filed against its police department or officers. Two faculty members were elected to serve.

## Controlled Access Admission Status

There was a faculty inquiry wondering how the policy of controlled access admission status was created and its recent implementation by his department. As it didn't appear the Faculty Senate was involved in the development of this policy, he asked it

be discussed by the Executive Board. Board members were unaware of this policy and will look into this.

# Campus Planning and Finance Council Membership

Acting on behalf of the Faculty Senate, the Board accepted the resignation of Marilyn Kritzman from the Campus Planning and Finance Council and voted approval of Richard Gershon's membership on that council.

## Committee Name Change Request

Barbara Barton, as chair of the Extended University Programs/Online Committee, requested the name of this standing committee of the Senate be changed to the EUP Committee by deleting "Online" from its name. Cooley, Executive Board liaison to this committee, supported this change. The Board approved the name change request, effective immediately.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

## **Correspondence Received**

- 1. Memo, 22 July, from Provost Tim Greene, regarding membership and charge to the WMU Graduate College Review Committee.
- Email, 6 August, from Lowell Rinker, Vice Provost for Business and Finance and Chief Financial Officer, requesting two faculty members be elected by the Senate Executive Board to serve on the WMU Public Safety Oversight Committee.
- 3. Email, 9 August, from Marilyn Kritzman, Communication, resignation from the Campus Planning and Finance Council effective immediately.
- 4. Email, 17 August, from Barbara Barton, Chair, Extended University Programs/Online Education, requesting Senate Executive Board approve committee name change.

Janice Anderson Faculty Senate Office