

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Minutes of 7 October 2010

*Faculty Senate Executive Board Report – Peter Krawutschke,
Faculty Senate President*

The Faculty Senate met in the Fetzer Center Kirsch Auditorium. There were 62 Senators and substitutes present. **Absent:** B. Barton, T. Greene, J. Jellies, S. Malcolm, R. Manley, D. Nisula, J. Oh, P. Parker, R. Rabiej (for J. Ari-Gur), L. Rinker, J. Ruhl, D. Walcott. **Also present:** Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office; Andrea Beach, Director of Faculty Development; Sue Caulfield, Director, Academic Collective Bargaining; Barbara Cockrell, Associate Dean, University Libraries; Betty Dennis, Associate Dean, Extended University Programs; Alexander Enyedi, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Eileen Evans, Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness; Bassam Harik, Vice Provost for Budget and Personnel; Carol Hustoles, Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel; W. Jensen, Sociology; Daniel Litynski, Vice President for Research; Benjamin Ofori-Amoah, Chair, Geography; David Reinhold, Associate Vice Provost for Assessment and Undergraduate Studies; Joseph Reish, Dean, University Libraries; Cheryl Roland, Executive Director, University Relations; Gail Rouscher, Aviation; Anthony Vizzini, Dean, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

Faculty Senate President Peter Krawutschke called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Acceptance of the Agenda

A motion was made to accept the agenda. Amendments were made to the agenda to include tributes to former colleagues (as the first agenda item) and election of a member of the International Education Council (as the last action item). The agenda was accepted as amended. Senate President Krawutschke indicated that Provost Tim Greene was out of town, and therefore, unable to attend the meeting.

Tributes to Former Colleagues

Senate President Peter Krawutschke recognized retired faculty and administrators with a long history of WMU service who recently passed away:

- Milton Brawer, Sociology
- Oscar Horst, Geography
- Alan Jacobs, Anthropology
- Genevieve Orr, Languages and Linguistics
- William Rosegrant, English
- Larry Brink, Manager, Printing Services
- Charlie Carson, Director, Academic Records.

In addition, he acknowledged the loss of an active faculty member, James Patrick Forrest, Accountancy, noting his contributions to his profession and the University.

Approval of the 6 May Minutes

The 6 May 2010 minutes were approved as published.

Senate President Krawutschke's comments included the following:

- He welcomed Senators and guests to the first fall Senate meeting.
- New council members, council chairs, and Faculty Senators were announced:
 - Campus Planning and Finance Council members – Dennis McCrumb, Educational Leadership, Research and Technology, and Richard Gershon, Communication.
 - International Education Council member – Wendy Rose, Music
 - Campus Planning and Finance Council chair – Richard Gershon, Communication.
 - Academic and Information Technology Council chair – Alan Rea, Business Information Systems.
 - Graduate Studies Council chair – Louann Bierlein Palmer, Educational Leadership, Research and Technology. (Currently serving as the Faculty Senator from her department, as well.)
 - Faculty Senator (due to his election as chair of CPFC) – Richard Gershon, Communication.
 - Faculty Senator (due to his election as chair of AITC) – Alan Rea, Business Information Systems.
 - Faculty Senator – Howard Dooley, History
- Receipt of 2010 report on faculty e-mail requests from Carol Hustoles, vice president for legal affairs and general counsel. This annual report pertains to who has access to university e-mail and how e-mail access is supervised. Hustoles reported that three requests were granted during the last year.
- Krawutschke met with various campus administrators and the full Executive Board met with the president and provost.
- Several council and committees met over the summer, as well as the Executive Board.
- The Senate Executive Board developed charges for councils.
- On September 30 the Faculty Senate co-sponsored a budget forum with the AAUP, which was well-attended.
- The Faculty Senate and shared governance are mentioned throughout WMU's self-study report to the Higher Learning Commission. The Senate Executive Board will meet with the HLC during the campus visit.
- If Senators have comments/concerns and don't wish to express them at the meeting, send them directly to peter.krawutschke@wmich.edu and/or faculty-senate@wmich.edu.

Remarks – John Dunn, WMU President

President John Dunn made the following remarks:

- Welcomed new and returning senators and thanked the Senate leadership for their service to the University.
- Enrollment is 25,045; an increase of 469 over last year.
- Freshman to sophomore retention rate increased dramatically this year, 76% (over 3% increase in one year).

- Encouraged all to read WMU's Self Study report in preparation of the Higher Learning Commission's campus visit.
- The Bernhard Center and Davis Dining Hall have undergone renovations.
- Sangren Hall construction is underway and will be ready for use by fall 2012.
- Western View Apartments will be occupied by fall 2011.
- Western's webpage has undergone a major change.
- Eight candidates have been interviewed for the position of dean of the medical school.
- WMU has 574 students studying abroad but that number ought to be 1,000.
- Martha Warfield has been named vice president for diversity and inclusion.
- James Thomas was been selected as the new vice president for development and alumni relations.
- With the increase in enrollment and tuition, the budget has been met.
- Christian Hirsch, mathematics, was awarded a \$3.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation. It is his 23rd consecutive funding by NSF.
- Western was named among the nation's top 20 schools for military veterans by a national publication serving all branches of the armed forces.

ACTION ITEMS

*Transfer of Credit Committee –
David Reinhold, Associate Provost for Assessment and Undergraduate Studies*

Reinhold, serving as chair of this committee, discussed its history, charges and membership. The Senate established this committee as mandated by the Higher Learning Commission to make transfer opportunities clear, transparent and easy for students. Transfer policies to be looked at include those from community colleges, four year institutions, international, graduate, and military. Reinhold welcomed suggestions or comments sent to david.reinhold@wmich.edu or faculty-senate@wmich.edu.

1st Reading of Bylaw Amendment to add Transfer of Credit Committee as a Senate Standing Committee – William Rantz, Chair, Nominations and Elections Committee

Senate Vice President William Rantz presented the first reading of a bylaw amendment make the Transfer of Credit Committee a Senate standing committee, rather than an ad hoc committee:

Article VII: Committees, Sec. 1. In addition to those committees named in Article VII, Sec. 5, of the constitution, the following shall be standing committees of the Senate: Committee on Extended University Programs, Faculty Retirement Recognition, Professional Concerns, ~~and~~ Library, **and Transfer of Credit.**

The second reading and vote will take place at the 4 November meeting.

Election of a Member of the International Education Council

Senate Vice President William Rantz conducted the election for a member of the International Education Council. He noted that in response to a request by the

American Council on Education to add a faculty member from foreign languages to the International Education Council; one name was submitted for election to the council, Michael Millar, from the Department of Spanish.

As allowed by Senate Bylaws, a candidate running unopposed may be elected by acclamation. Rantz moved approval of Michael Millar to serve on the International Education Council. The motion was approved by acclamation.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Higher Learning Commission Presentation – Eileen Evans, Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness

The Higher Learning Commission team of reviewers will visit campus 18-20 October. The reviewers will meet with numerous groups including senior leadership, associate deans, chairs and directors, and members of the Kalamazoo community. Open meetings will be conducted for faculty, staff, and students on the 19th. The HLC will provide a report to WMU in November, and Western's opportunity to respond and correct errors of fact is due back to the HLC in December. By May 2011, official notification of its reaccreditation status will have arrived.

Greater Kalamazoo United Way Campaign – Joseph Reish, Dean, University Libraries and Chair, University Drive

As chair of the University Drive of the Greater Kalamazoo United Way Campaign, Joseph Reish appealed to those present to give generously to this year's campaign. The drive is underway and the 2010 goal is \$275,000.

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC CONCERNS

A parking concern was expressed by Senator John Petrovic, Mathematics, about the limited parking available in Lot 61 by Everett Tower. Due to nearby construction, that lot is used more heavily and there are WMU vehicles and government vehicles which appear to be permanently parked there. He asked that they park in a less busy lot. As Lowell Rinker, vice president for business and finance, was not in attendance, he will be contacted to follow up with this concern. An update on this concern will be reported to the Senate at its next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Senate meeting will be held on 4 November. Senate President Krawutschke adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office
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