

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD
MINUTES OF 8 October 2010**

Members present: Osama Abudayyeh, Van Cooley, John Jellies, Peter Krawutschke, Mary Lagerwey, William Rantz, and Judith Rypma. **Member absent:** Delores Walcott. **Also present:** Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office.

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

Action Items

*Acceptance of the Agenda
Approval of 17 September Executive Board Minutes*

It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda. Motion carried. Approval of the 17 September Executive Board minutes was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Appointment to the Transfer of Credit Committee

George Haus, Special Education and Literacy Studies, was appointed as the faculty member from the College of Education and Human Development, to this committee.

Membership Appointments to the Library Committee

Ila Baker, Center for English Language and Culture for International Students, and John Saillant, English, were re-appointed to the Library Committee.

Discussion Items

7 October Senate Meeting

Members reviewed the previous night's Senate meeting. Cooley commented that the banquet rooms of the Fetzer Center provide a better location to hold Senate meetings than the large auditorium does. Lagerwey suggested James S. Thomas, Western Michigan University's new vice president for development and alumni relations, be invited to speak at the November Senate meeting.

Budget Forum and Additional Updates – Peter Krawutschke

Krawutschke, Jellies, and Lagerwey attended the budget forum the Senate co-sponsored with the WMU-AAUP. Former Senate Vice President Dennis Simpson attended and spoke at the invitation of the Board. The forum was well attended and the Board appreciated Sociology professor Ronald Kramer's closing remarks about the value and importance of education beyond economics.

Council Reports from Liaisons

International Education Council – Lagerwey reported members discussed the charges issued to the council by the Senate's Executive Board and concerns arising from how credit for independent study is given by the Haenicke Institute. The Board suggested

the credit issues might be referred to the new Transfer of Credit Committee for review.

Committee on Extended University Programs – Cooley reported the committee's chair, Barbara Barton, Social Work, was committed to faculty control of the curriculum for online courses. E-Learning standards were presented to the committee.

Professional Concerns Committee – Rypma reported the committee has a new chair, Rob Eversole, Biological Sciences, and was looking forward to the provost's visit at its next meeting to discuss the status of its pending memoranda of action with him.

Graduate Studies Council – Rantz reported the council has a new chair, Louann Bierlein Palmer, Educational Leadership, Research and Technology. The council approved a new degree - Master of Science in Engineering (Chemical) - in the department of Paper Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Imaging and Eileen Evans reported on the upcoming visit from the Higher Learning Commission. Next month the council will review the report prepared by the committee the provost formed to study the graduate college.

Revision to Constitutional Language in Advance of Next Year's Restructuring Committee – John Jellies

Jellies noted an issue with the constitution that he felt should be brought to the attention of the Board. Members agreed the language in question was contradictory. Krawutschke asked if Jellies would write a revision for the Board's review.

Senate's Role for Centers and Institutes

Krawutschke asked members to review the policy on Centers and Institutes and the Executive Board's role in that policy for future discussion.

Minutes

1. Professional Concerns Committee, 16 April
2. International Education Council, 17 June
3. Research Policies Council, 9 September
4. Undergraduate Studies Council, 14 September

Correspondence Received

1. Agenda, Committee on Extended University Programs, 20 September
2. Agenda, Campus Planning and Finance Council, 21 September
3. Agenda, Committee to Oversee General Education, 23 September
4. Agenda, International Education Council, 23 September
5. Agenda, Academic and Information Technology Council, 28 September
6. Agenda, Undergraduate Studies Council, 12 October

Correspondence Sent

1. Letter, 17 September, to Gwendolyn Rose, Music, confirming her election to the International Education Council.
2. Ltr, 17 September, to Barbara Havira, History, thanking her for service on the Faculty Senate and Professional Concerns Committee and accepting her resignation from both with regret.

3. Ltr, 17 September, to David Cowan, Biological Sciences, thanking him for service on the Undergraduate Studies Council and accepting his resignation with regret.
4. Ltr, 17 September, to Caroline Webber, Family and Consumer Sciences, thanking her for her service on the Library Committee.
5. Ltr, 17 September, to Linda Dove, Family and Consumer Sciences, confirming her appointment to the Library Committee.
6. Ltr, 17 September, to Dennis McCrumb, Educational Leadership, Research and Technology, confirming his election to the Campus Planning and Finance Council.
7. Email, 24 September, to Provost's Office, two faculty names forwarded as nominees to serve on the Honorary Degree Committee.
8. Ltr, 5 October, to James Thomas, welcoming him to WMU and congratulating him on appointment as vice president for Development and Alumni Relations.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Janice Anderson
Faculty Senate Office