

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
MINUTES OF 4 FEBRUARY 2011**

**Members present:** Osama Abudayyeh, Van Cooley, John Jellies, Peter Krawutschke, Mary Lagerwey, William Rantz, Judith Rypma and Delores Walcott.  
**Guests:** Graduate Studies Council Officers: Louann Bierlein Palmer, Chair; Amy Curtis, Vice Chair; and Gary Bischof, Secretary. **Also present:** Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office.

The meeting was called to order by Faculty Senate President Peter Krawutschke at 11 a.m. Guests were welcomed and introductions made.

The officers of GSC shared their council's report and recommendations in response to the October 2010 Graduate College Review Committee's report. Results of an on-line graduate survey were handed out and reviewed as well. The survey was administered on Zoomerang and asked graduate students what they thought of their graduate experience at WMU. This was a survey developed by the GSC and the Graduate Student Advisory Committee. Out of a graduate student body of approximately 5000 students there were 946 responses or a 20% response rate. Bierlein Palmer asked for a directive from the Board as to whom the survey results should or could be released to. The Board thanked the officers for their presentation and upon its review and discussion, would forward a response shortly. [The GSC officers left the meeting at noon.]

**Action Items**

*Acceptance of the Agenda  
Approval of 21 January Executive Board Minutes*

It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of the 21 January minutes was postponed. Members were asked to approve by return email upon receipt of the minutes.

*Athletic Board*

Members requested that Fred Sitkins, chair of the Athletic Board, be invited to the 18 February Board meeting to discuss the Athletic Board.

*Other*

Members decided to postpone their discussion of the GSC report and graduate student survey until the 18 February Board meeting to allow time to review the materials. Krawutschke was asked to email the provost to let him know that the GSC had presented its report and the Board plans to discuss it at its next meeting. The Board will then forward its response and key recommendations regarding the graduate college to him. In addition, Jellies moved and Lagerwey seconded a motion that discussion of the graduate college be added as an information item at the 10

March Faculty Senate agenda. Motion carried. The provost was to be advised of this as well.

They discussed a response to GSC's inquiry about release of the survey results and felt GSC's report was the official product which the data collected from the survey helped to inform. Jellies moved and Rantz seconded the motion that dissemination of the Graduate Studies Council's internal research documents be determined by the council membership as a whole. Motion approved with two abstentions. Krawutschke said he would inform Louann Bierlein Palmer, GSC chair, of the Board's recommendation.

**Discussion / Information Items**

*Recap of the 3 February Faculty Senate Meeting*

Significant concerns had been raised during discussion of differential tuition. One senator sent an email following the meeting to request that discussion of this topic be continued at the next Senate meeting. The Board noted that differential tuition for the College of Fine Arts and the Haworth College of Business will be on the 24 February Board of Trustees agenda, which takes place before the next Senate meeting on 10 March.

*Council and Committee Reports from Liaisons*

Postponed due to time constraints.

**Other**

*Updates – Peter Krawutschke*

An incident which occurred prior to the beginning of an Academic Integrity panel was shared with the Board and receipt of a letter questioning the policies of the academic integrity process. The Board agreed any response should come from the Senate's Professional Concerns Committee. The PCC is the Senate committee which develops policy and provides oversight of the Academic Integrity Committee that is coordinated through the Office of Student Conduct by Director Joyce Lew.

**Minutes**

1. Research Policies Council, 13 January
2. Transfer of Credit Committee, 28 January

**Correspondence Received**

1. Agenda, Committee on Extended University Programs, 24 January
2. Agenda, Academic and Information Technology Council, 25 January
3. Agenda, Undergraduate Studies Council, 8 February

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Janice Anderson  
Faculty Senate Office