

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD
Minutes of 11 March 2011**

Members present: Osama Abudayyeh, Van Cooley, John Jellies, Peter Krawutschke, Mary Lagerwey, William Rantz, Judith Rypma and 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 18 February Executive Board Minutes*

Acceptance of the agenda was moved and seconded. Motion carried.
Approval of the 18 February minutes was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

Proposed Program Integrity Committee – Peter Krawutschke

Krawutschke shared a request from Provost Tim Greene that a joint committee on program integrity be assembled. It would consist of faculty members appointed by the Senate that would address charges provided by the provost. Eileen Evans, vice provost for institutional effectiveness, provided a list of the curriculum and new federal compliance regulations this committee would be asked to address, along with names of suggested committee members.

One of the items was the definition of academic credit hour. Members recalled earlier communication from the WMU-AAUP informing the Senate that as there was a clear relationship between credit hours and faculty workload, this could lead into discussion of contractual issues.

Jellies moved, seconded by Walcott, to postpone its decision on disposition of a program integrity committee pending consultation with the WMU-AAUP and receiving a clearer outline of the specific charges for the proposed committee. Motion carried.

Other

In an effort to be proactive and offer assistance to the administration in dealing with budget matters, members discussed writing a position paper from the faculty perspective, reflecting faculty concerns reported to Board members. It was agreed it would be sent to both the university president and the WMU Board of Trustees.
Cooley moved and Jellies seconded a position paper be developed. Motion carried.

Discussion/Information Items

Recap of 10 March Senate Meeting

The concern from the English Department that was brought up during the Professional and Academic Concerns portion of the March meeting will be forwarded on to the Professional Concerns Committee and Joyce Lew, director, Office of Student Conduct.

Members were impressed with Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel Carol Hustoles' response to a departmental concern involving a guest speaker's refusal to sign the university's independent contractor form, which prevented him from coming to campus. Hustoles informed Senators that the independent contractor form is a contract that is in place to protect the university. If an invited guest speaker chose not to comply with university policy, there was nothing that could be done about it.

Updates – Peter Krawutschke

A copy of the revised posting for the WMU registrar, forwarded to Krawutschke by Keith Hearit, vice provost for strategic enrollment management, was reviewed.

Krawutschke reported on his meeting with Donald McCloud, dean of the Haenicke Institute for Global Education.

Council and Committee Reports from Liaisons

Campus Planning and Finance Council – Jellies said the construction of Sangren Hall is moving forward. There was no mention of a funding source.

Academic and Information Technology Council – Walcott said a breach of security was discussed. Jim Gilchrist and his staff plan to conduct over 100 meetings across campus to educate the campus community on computer security issues, such as encryption, social security numbers, etc.

Committee on Extended University Programs – Cooley reported this committee is looking into budget model funding. Results of a survey on perceptions of EUP across campus will be reported to the Senate in the fall.

Research Policies Council – Abudayyeh said the council discussed membership and the upcoming selection of council officers. Student members of this council were not attending meetings.

Graduate Studies Council – No report.

Other

Rantz serves on the University's strategic planning committee as the Executive Board representative, so he was asked to report on that. Rantz said the committee had researched other universities and was making strides in developing a draft.

Minutes

1. Committee to Oversee General Education, 13 January
2. Committee to Oversee General Education, 27 January

Correspondence Received

1. Agenda, Committee to Oversee General Education, 27 January
2. Agenda, Committee on Extended University Programs, 21 February
3. Agenda, Graduate Studies Council, 24 February
4. Agenda, Committee to Oversee General Education, 24 February
5. Agenda, Research Policies Council, 10 March
6. Letter, 28 February, from Provost Tim Greene, reply to memo from Board regarding the Graduate College
7. Letter, 28 February, from Provost Tim Greene, reply to memo regarding University Strategic Planning process

Correspondence Sent

1. Memo, 22 February, to Tim Greene, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, regarding the Graduate Studies Council's report and recommendations on the Graduate College
2. Memo, 22 February, to Tim Greene, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, regarding the University Strategic Plan
3. Letters, 2 March, notification of re-election as representatives-at-large:
 - Peter Krawutschke, Foreign Languages – 2 year term
 - Osama Abudayyeh, Civil and Construction Engineering – 3 year term
 - Sisay Asefa, Economics – 3 year term
4. Letters, 7 March, notification of election or re-election as Faculty Senators beginning in May 2011:
 - Jack Ruhl, Accountancy – re-elected
 - Alan Rea, Business Information Systems – new
 - Andre Venter, Chemistry – new
 - Kelly McDonnell, Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology – re-elected
 - Kristen Harvey, Dance – new
 - Johnson Asumadu, Electrical and Computer Engineering – re-elected
 - Robert Adam Manley, Family and Consumer Sciences – re-elected
 - C.R. Krishna-Swamy, Finance and Commercial Law – re-elected

- George Boston, University Libraries – new
- Brian Young, Paper Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Imaging – new
- Matthew Mingus, Public Affairs and Administration – new
- Glen Langworthy, Aviation Sciences – new
- Richard Utz, English – new
- Howard Dooley, History – re-elected
- Cynthia Pietras, Psychology – re-elected

5. Email, 8 March, to Nicholas Andreadis, dean, Lee Honors College, response to proposal to establish a faculty fellows designation with the LHC
6. Email, 9 March, to Provost Tim Greene, response to his invitation to co-host Webinar session

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Janice Anderson
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