

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
MINUTES OF 8 April 2011**

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

The meeting was called to order by Senate Vice President William Rantz at 11 a.m. (Senate President Krawutschke was attending the WMU Board of Trustees meeting.)

**Procedural Items**

*Acceptance of the Agenda  
Approval of 25 March Executive Board Minutes*

Acceptance of the agenda was moved and seconded. Motion carried.  
Approval of the 25 March minutes was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

**Action Items**

Position Paper

Further action was suggested pending discussion with Krawutschke.

**Discussion/Information Items**

Recap of 7 April Faculty Senate meeting

Members felt the length and content of Senate presentations still needed to be addressed with future presenters, but all in all felt the meeting was successful and interesting. It was noted there were numerous questions following the library and archives presentations and that the Broncoland presentation was very well received.

Council and Committee Reports from Liaisons

- International Education Council – Lagerwey reported the council's subcommittees were active. How to get more students to take advantage of study aboard is a continuing discussion.
- Senate Committee on Extended University Programs – Cooley said the committee was still working on its survey which is hoped to provide the campus community's perceptions of EUP.
- Graduate Studies Council – Rantz said student research and teaching awards were discussed and elected.

**Other**

As President Dunn and the University Strategic Plan have emphasized the need to ramp up research efforts, member would like to meet with the vice president for research, Dan Litynski. They would like to discuss the status of Office of the Vice President for Research and resources available to achieve the university's research goals.

Inviting Jim Thomas, vice president for development and alumni relations, to a meeting was also suggested to learn his plans for how faculty involvement will be incorporated into the development and the fund raisin process.

The Executive Board meeting ended and members moved into review of nominations for the upcoming Senate council elections on 5 May.

**Minutes**

1. Committee to Oversee General Education, 10 and 24 February

**Correspondence Received**

1. Agenda, Transfer of Credit Committee, 18 March
2. Agenda, Committee to Oversee General Education, 31 March

**Correspondence Sent**

1. Letter, 25 March, to John Dunn, WMU President; Tim Greene, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dennis Archer, Chair, WMU Board of Trustee, forwarded Senate Executive Board's position paper on Shared Governance During Budgetary Challenges for consideration by administration.

The meeting ended at 12:45 p.m.

Janice Anderson  
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