

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Minutes of 5 May 2011

The 2010-11 Faculty Senate met in the Fetzer Center auditorium. There were 51 Senators and substitutes present. **Absent:** D. Anderson, T. Bailey, K. Baldner, B. Barton, J. Berkow, K. Bondarchuk, V. Cooley, T. Greene, H. Koole, C.R. Krishna-Swamy, B. Liggett, R. MacDonald, S. Malcolm, A. Manley, M. Mickus, H. Nibert, D. Nisula, J. Oh, C. Pavlik, C. Pietras, W. Sauck, R. Siebert, D. Swoboda, G. Veeck, D. Walcott. **Also present:** Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office; George Boston, University Libraries; Bassam Harik, Vice Provost for Budget and Personnel; Carol Hustoles, Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel; Erin Kaplan, President, Western Student Association; Glen Langworthy, Aviation; David Reinhold, Associate Provost for Assessment and Undergraduate Studies; Cheryl Roland, Executive Director, University Relations; Raymond Thompson, Associate Dean, College of Aviation; Jan Van Der Kley, Associate Vice President for Business and Finance and Controller; Brian Young, Paper Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Imaging.

Faculty Senate President Peter Krawutschke called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

As May meetings are special sessions, neither of the agendas for tonight's two meetings were subject to review or modification.

Approval of the Minutes of 7 April 2011

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of 7 April. Motion carried.

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

Faculty Senate President Krawutschke reported on the following:

1. He thanked Erin Kaplan, president of the Western Student Association, for attending.
2. Provost Tim Greene was out of town tonight.
3. Krawutschke expressed appreciation to those who served as senators and/or on councils and committees and recognized senators whose terms were ending:
 - Jan Gabel-Goes, Business Information Systems
 - Gellert Mezei, Chemistry
 - Carolyn Pavlik, Dance
 - Thomas Bailey, English
 - Randle Gedeon, Libraries
 - Peter Parker, Paper Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Imaging, who has retired from the university. He also chaired the Academic and Information Technology Council.
 - Barbara Liggett, Public Affairs and Administration
 - Steve Ziebarth, Mathematics

4. He thanked and acknowledged the services of:
 - John Jellies, professor of Biological Sciences, who was leaving the Executive Board as his term as immediate past president had ended.
 - Two retiring administrators who consistently attended senate meetings over the years: Lowell Rinker, vice president for business and finance and chief financial officer, and Bassam Harik, vice provost for budget and personnel.
5. Krawutschke commented on a recent meeting with the founding dean of the medical school, Hal B. Jenson.
6. Krawutschke invited Past Senate President John Jellies to address a document developed by the Faculty Senate Executive Board during Jellies' presidency. Jellies noted the Executive Board adopted the document referred to as "Shared Notions on Program Consolidation and Elimination"
<http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/26.June.09.shared.notions.pdf>
and forwarded it to Provost Tim Greene in 2009
<http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/2.July.09.ltr.to.provost.pdf>
This document was created as a guide to use in conjunction with the Policy on Organizational Changes of Academic Units, should the Board be requested to fulfill its role in reviewing proposals for "establishing, renaming, merging, transferring, and elimination of academic units".
7. The passing of Emeritus Robert Palmatier, former chair of languages, was noted.

Remarks – John Dunn, WMU President

President Dunn commented on the following:

- Following up on comments by John Jellies, the president said he was very much in favor of the document Jellies reported on. He said when he was at Oregon State University in the 1980s; its Faculty Senate had created a similar document, which served the university well. It is good practice to have a document like this in place and President Dunn complimented WMU's Senate for creating this.
- He appreciated the great faculty representation at commencement.
- He went to New York City with a WMU team to meet with our rating agencies regarding the overall financing of the university.
- An update from Lansing on proposed cuts to higher education was provided and he noted discussion of the definition of a research university.
- He congratulated the bargaining teams for accomplishing this year's negotiations in an expedited manner.
- He acknowledged the following:
 - Kevin Knutson, director of academic advising, College of Arts and Sciences, who received the 2011 Outstanding Advising Award from the National Academic Advising Association.
 - He thanked Miller Auditorium's staff for its hard work in accommodating campus and community events such as Yo Yo Ma's recent performance with the Kalamazoo Symphony and the funeral of Kalamazoo Public Safety Officer Eric Zapata. President Dunn is pleased we have the opportunity to allow access to Miller Auditorium to the community.
 - The National Geographic Society featured research on the migration of monarch butterflies in Bolivia and Argentina by Stephen Malcolm, professor of biological sciences, in a 6 April post on its News Watch blog.

- o The Detroit Free Press featured retiring WMU Professor Paul Maier, history, in a recent front page article.
- o Jan Van Der Kley will be replacing Lowell Rinker as the vice president for business and finance and chief financial officer, effective July 1.
- o The Medieval Congress will be held on campus 12-15 May.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

*Update on University Strategic Plan – William Rantz,
Member, University Strategic Planning Committee*

William Rantz noted weekly committee meetings began in early spring semester. There is a good cross-section of members on the committee and he felt shared governance was in action. A document is being formulated which is anticipated to appear on the provost's website in June. It will include a preamble, mission statement, a definition of its three pillars and six major goals. The committee looks forward to input from internal and external stakeholders.

*American Council on Education Internationalization Laboratory Report
– Maira Bundza, Chair, International Education Council*
http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/ACE_Lab_Report.pptx

WMU has been part of the American Council on Education collaborative, a group of universities and colleges doing substantial work in internationalization, for years. It provides opportunities for administrators and faculty to meet and discuss issues at annual meetings. A little over two years ago the IEC and the Haenicke Institute for Global Education ventured into a process called the Internationalization Laboratory, led by the ACE.

The laboratory process takes about 18 months; WMU's International Education Council and HIGE joined in that process together with a cohort of other institutions under the mentorship of ACE. There were two meetings – one at the beginning, and one at the end, then a visit from the peer-review team. The IEC acted as the ACE Lab team and this has been the council's major focus for the last three years. Several working groups were created within the IEC to address different parts of the process.

In its report, the IEC recommended ways to improve internationalization at WMU: (1) encourage the university to take a stronger stand on global education and engagement; (2) encourage international across the curriculum; (3) increase study abroad participation (4) increase international student population; (5) formalize status and structure of Global and International Studies Program (6) increase commitment to foreign language instruction (7) support international research (8) improved international studies advising and (9) further define role of IEC.

The peer review visit to WMU in March 2010 coincided with the Higher Learning Commission's visit to campus. The peer review visit reported its findings on strengths at the university were: (1) there is strong faculty, interested in international research and teaching; (2) the Haenicke Institute for Global Education and its services; (3) the IEC as a faculty advisory group; (4) a good place for international students, and (5) administrative support.

Strategic issues and recommendations from the peer review visit findings were: (1) more university wide engagement is needed to contribute to a global agenda throughout the institution; (2) why students have a low interest in studying abroad; (3) develop a business plan for the study abroad office; (4) revisit and rethink partnerships; and (5) oversight of the Global International Studies program by a faculty advisory board.

Krawutschke thanked Bundza for all her work as chair of the IEC and her presentation.

ADJOURNMENT OF 2010-11 FACULTY SENATE

The 2010-11 Faculty Senate was adjourned.

2011-12 Senate Agenda

The 2011-12 Faculty Senate met in the Fetzer Center auditorium. There were 52 Senators and substitutes present. **Absent:** D. Anderson, K. Baldner, B. Barton, J. Berkow, K. Bondarchuk, V. Cooley, T. Greene, K. Harvey, H. Koole, C.R. Krishna-Swamy, R. MacDonald, S. Malcolm, A. Manley, M. Mickus, M. Mingus, H. Nibert, D. Nisula, J. Oh, C. Pietras, W. Sauck, R. Siebert, D. Swoboda, R. Utz, G. Veeck, D. Walcott. **Also present:** Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office; Bassam Harik, Vice Provost for Budget and Personnel; Carol Hustoles, Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel; Erin Kaplan, President, Western Student Association; David Reinhold, Associate Provost for Assessment and Undergraduate Studies; Cheryl Roland, Executive Director, University Relations; Raymond Thompson, Associate Dean, College of Aviation; Jan Van Der Kley, Associate Vice President for Business and Finance and Controller.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Introduction and Welcome of New Senators

Krawutschke welcomed and expressed appreciation to all continuing and re-elected senators. He individually recognized and welcomed the new senators:

- Glen Langworthy, Aviation
- Alan Rea, Business Information Systems
- Andre Venter, Chemistry
- Kirsten Harvey, Dance
- Richard Utz, English
- George Boston, Libraries
- Brian Young, Paper Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Imaging
- Matthew Mingus, Public Affairs and Administration

ACTION ITEM

Election of Council Members – William Rantz, Chair, Nominations and Elections Committee

Two ballots were presented to Senators. The first listed single nominations for council vacancies, which were approved by the nominations and elections committee and the executive board. As allowed by senate bylaws these may be elected by acclamation. Rantz moved approval of these single nominations. The motion was approved by acclamation.

The second ballot lists several faculty interested in serving on councils, so a senate vote was required.

[NOTE: The election results for newly elected or re-elected council members to three-year terms (unless noted otherwise) follow.]

ACADEMIC AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

- Tabitha Mingus, Mathematics
- Karlis Kaugars, Computer Science (one-year term)
- David Code, Music
- Delores Walcott, University Counseling and Testing Center
- Alan Rea, Business Information Systems

CAMPUS PLANNING AND FINANCE COUNCIL

- Gail Rouscher, Aviation Sciences
- Gay Walker, Holistic Health/Physician Assistant
- Paul Solomon, Art

GRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL

- Jon Adams, English
- Pairin Katerattanakul, Business Information Systems
- Bradley Wong, Music
- Amy Curtis, Interdisciplinary Health Sciences
- Michael G. Miller, Health, Physical Education and Recreation

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

- Said AbuBakr, Paper Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Imaging
- Yvette Hyter, Speech Pathology and Audiology
- Stephen Covell, Comparative Religion
- Ann Miles, Sociology

RESEARCH POLICIES COUNCIL

- James Kiddle, Chemistry
- Brooks Applegate, Educational Leadership, Research and Technology
- Martha Councell-Vargas, Music
- Mary Ann Stark, Nursing

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL

- Geoffrey Whitehurst, Aviation Sciences
- Raja Aravamuthan, Paper Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Imaging

ADJOURNMENT

The first meeting of the 2011-12 academic year will be scheduled for October.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office