

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD
MINUTES OF 6 MAY 2011**

Members present: Osama Abudayyeh, John Jellies, Peter Krawutschke, Mary Lagerwey, William Rantz and Judith Rypma. **Members absent:** Van Cooley and Delores Walcott. **Guest:** Jim Thomas, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations. **Also present:** Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office.

The meeting was called to order by Faculty Senate President Peter Krawutschke at 11:00 a.m.

Jim Thomas, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations

Members welcomed Jim Thomas who has been in his new position as vice president for development and alumni relations for six months now. Thomas informed the Board of changes and new developments that he has initiated since assuming his position, such as reorganization of the development office and mywmu.com, a website which shares the success stories of WMU faculty and alumni. He asked the Board to encourage faculty to submit their success stories.

The 2009 Memorandum of Action 09/05, Faculty Input to and Participation in the Development and Fund Raising Process, was discussed. Thomas asked the Board's permission to ignore the MOA for six months and allow him time get his new way of doing business into operation. The Board agreed that was a reasonable request. After further discussion with the Board, members thanked Thomas for attending and he left the meeting.

Procedural Items

*Acceptance of the Agenda
Approval of 22 April Executive Board Minutes*

Acceptance of the agenda was moved and seconded. Motion carried.
The Board approved the 22 April minutes by email following the meeting.

Action Items

Executive Board Membership and Meeting Dates for Summer I and II

It was agreed meetings would be scheduled throughout the summer on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. subject to cancelation if there was no business. The dates are: 10 and 24 June; 8 and 29 July; and 12 August.

John Jellies' one year service on the Board as past president ended with this meeting. He was thanked for his service. Due to Jellies' involvement in medical

school matters, Krawutschke moved, seconded by Abudayyeh, that he be allowed to attend meetings as a special liaison to the Board. Motion carried.

Review of University Center for the Humanities Proposal

Members reviewed the proposal for the Center for the Humanities and all agreed on endorsement despite not being consulted for Senate input prior to its development. It was suggested that the Senate's role in the policy for centers and institutes at WMU be reviewed as members felt clarification and perhaps expansion of the Senate's role might be warranted.

Jellies moved and Abudayyeh seconded the Senate Executive Board's endorsement of the University Center for the Humanities. Motion carried.

Academic and Information Technology Council – WMU E-Learning Standards

Prior to its consideration and review, the Board asked the draft for WMU E-Learning Standards be forwarded to the WMU-AAUP for its input as there may be items in the draft that fall under the purview of the contract. This was moved by Jellies and seconded by Rantz. Motion carried.

Discussion/Information Items

Review of 5 May Faculty Senate Meeting

Since the meeting fell on the week between the spring semester and summer I session, members were pleased by the turnout. They were also surprised that so few in attendance asked questions of the speakers and set encouraging more active participation as a goal for next year's Senate meetings.

Updates – Peter Krawutschke

Krawutschke reported he and Jellies met with Hal B. Jenson, founding dean of the medical school. He anticipates future meetings with the dean and invited Jenson to provide an update on the medical school to the Senate in the fall.

Council and Committee Reports from Liaisons

- International Education Council – Lagerwey reported one of the guests at the meeting attended to specifically bring attention to his concern that faculty had lost control of the global studies major being offered through the Haenicke Institute for Global Education. HIGE appears to be undergoing re-organization and there was mention that an evaluation of the global studies major will be handled by HIGE and the provost, without involvement of the IEC. In its report, the American Council on Education also criticized the way that major was run. There was also discussion about how study abroad courses receive general education credit. Board members commented that should be added as a charge to the Committee to Oversee General Education.

- Graduate Studies Council – Administration is very interested in results of the graduate student survey. The provost has asked the Graduate College to develop an annual review for graduate students.

The Citation Project and WMU's Writing Center

Members were in support of efforts to assist students in learning the citation process for academic writing and avoiding plagiarism. Since this effort was directed mostly at undergraduates, perhaps the Undergraduate Studies Council would like to invite Kim Ballard from the WMU Writing Center to discuss this idea with their membership.

Other

Jellies reminded Board members he was chairing candidate interviews for the three registrar candidates on 17, 19 and 20 May from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Oaklands.

Minutes

1. Research Policies Council, 14 April

Correspondence Received

1. Agenda, Committee to Oversee General Education, 28 April

The meeting ended at 1 p.m.

Janice Anderson
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