

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**  
**Minutes of 10 November 2011**

The Faculty Senate met in the Fetzer Center Banquet Rooms. There were 57 Senators and substitutes present. **Absent:** H. Addison, B. Applegate, J. Ari-Gur, B. Barton, J. Berkow, V. Cooley, P. Farber, O. Gabor-Peirce, R. Gershon, T. Greene, R. MacDonald, D. Nisula, J. Oh, L. Bierlein Palmer, D. Swoboda, B. Wagner. **Also present:** Haluk Aktan, Chair, Civil and Construction Engineering, and Duane Hampton, Geosciences, members of the Climate Action Plan Subcommittee; Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office; Andrea Beach, Director of Faculty Development; Michele Behr, Maira Bundza, and Barbara Cockrell, Libraries; Terrell Hodge and Susan Stapleton, Associate Deans, College of Arts and Sciences; Walter Jensen, Sociology; Erin Kaplan, President, and Elizabeth Fowler, Lindsay Stone, Meghan Walsh, Alyson Wiley, Western Student Association; Dan Litynski, Vice President for Research; Suzie Nagel, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs; Dave Reinhold, Associate Provost for Assessment and Undergraduate Studies, Vivian Steemers, Foreign Languages.

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

**PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

*Acceptance of the Agenda*

It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda. The agenda was accepted.

*Approval of Minutes*

The 6 October minutes were approved as published.

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

Faculty Senate President Peter Krawutschke gave the following report:

- Provost Tim Greene was unable to attend as he was away at a conference, but he requested these items be passed along to Senators:
  - After consulting with a number of advisory groups, the provost decided to fold program review and program planning into one policy document. He is working on this document and will send it to the Faculty Senate Executive Board and the Senate as soon as possible.
  - The provost thanked faculty for sending in more mid-term grades than in previous semesters, which greatly assists retention efforts.

- MOA-11/02, Syllabus Template, from the Undergraduate and Graduate Studies Councils, which was approved by the Senate at the 6 October meeting, has been forwarded to the administration for approval.
- The Senate Executive Board has endorsed the creation of the National Research Center for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren – a partnership between WMU and Georgia State University that will be housed in the College of Education and Human Development under the direction of Drs. Linda Dannison and Andrea Smith.
- He noted two new books that may be of interest to senators (1) Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses by Richard Arum and (2) The Fall of the Faculty: The Rise of the All-Administrative University and Why it Matters by Benjamin Ginsberg.

*Remarks – John Dunn, WMU President*

President Dunn commented on the following:

- He complimented Provost Tim Greene and the University's Strategic Planning Committee for their work in producing the strategic plan document. He felt the committee succeeded in their efforts to ensure that input on the plan was received from all campus constituents. He reviewed the three pillars: learner centered, discovery driven and globally engaged.
- He met with Senate President Peter Krawutschke regarding the solar panels being installed near Miller Auditorium. President Dunn noted the panels were made possible through a grant which has requirements, one of which was that they be highly visible. He apologized that this was not discussed through the appropriate Faculty Senate council prior to installation.
- The national news story regarding allegations of wrongdoing at Penn State University prompted WMU and other universities to review their policies. He told Senators that any member of the campus community should immediately report any incident they witness to campus police and their supervisors.
- The Occupational Therapy Department received a \$2 million gift, the largest ever to a U.S. occupational therapy program.
- There is legislation being considered for community colleges to offer 4-year degrees. He also mentioned reverse degrees with community colleges.

**ACTION ITEMS**

*MOA-11/03, Accelerated Degree Program Revision (to MOA-09/03)*  
[http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/MOA1103\\_AD\\_P\\_revision.pdf](http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/MOA1103_AD_P_revision.pdf)  
*Undergraduate Studies Council/Graduate Studies Council Subcommittee on Accelerated Degree Program – David Reinhold, Subcommittee Chair*

Reinhold indicated that departments with existing accelerated degree programs met to discuss current policy. This proposed revision addresses and clarifies

issues of (1) required courses and required electives and (2) 4000- and 6000-level courses. It was moved and seconded to approve MOA-11/03. Motion carried.

*MOA-11/04, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) Exam Policy Update*

[http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/MOA1104\\_CLEP.pdf](http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/MOA1104_CLEP.pdf)

*Transfer of Credit Committee – David Reinhold, Committee Chair*

Reinhold reported the Transfer of Credit Committee was formed over a year ago to address transfer policies, as there is a growing number of transfer students. The committee proposed changes to the College Level Examination Program: (1) to update it, as the current CLEP policy was established before the current General Education Policy and refers to areas that no longer exist, as well as some needed editing; and (2) to allow this policy for others in addition to non-traditional students. A motion was made by Senator Ayers, supported by Senator Simpson, to approve MOA-11/04. Senator Nibert questioned deletion of one word. Reinhold agreed that was an oversight and that it should be re-inserted. MOA-11/04 was approved with the one editorial change.

*MOA-11/05, Credit by Departmental Recommendation (CBDRO) Referral Process*

[http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/MOA1105\\_CBDRO.pdf](http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/MOA1105_CBDRO.pdf)

*Transfer of Credit Committee – David Reinhold, Committee Chair*

Reinhold explained this recommendation was proposed to offer the services of the Office of Transfer Student Services as an option to assist advisors and transfer students in seeking academic credit for transfer courses. Sometimes when students travel to campus they are unable to acquire all the paperwork they need in one trip. This is being proposed to accommodate and help alleviate the burden on students, but students would have to specifically request this assistance. A motion was made and seconded to approve MOA-11/05. Motion carried.

### **INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

*WMU Climate Action Plan – Paul Pancella, Climate Action Plan Subcommittee Chair*

[http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/Climate\\_Action\\_Plan.pptx](http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/Climate_Action_Plan.pptx)

Senate Past President Paul Pancella reported on a broad initiative connected with the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment for WMU to create a plan to reduce greenhouse gases to 0. The university has undergone several sustainability initiatives. Research efforts include renewable energy generating technologies and advancing energy storage methods.

*ScholarWorks: WMU's Scholarly Repository – Maira Bundza, ScholarWorks Librarian*

<http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/ScholarWorks.pptx>

Bundza noted that ScholarWorks at WMU is an online open access repository for WMU's research, scholarly and creative output. Scholar Works serves as a permanent digital archive for these materials and is administered by the University Libraries. This project began in February 2011 and the impetus was the 2010 Academic Affairs Strategic Plan and the need to move further into the digital age. Further information can be found at: <http://www.scholarworks.wmich.edu>. Bundza also touched on Selected Works, a companion system, which incorporates personal professional pages, curriculum vitae, publications and presentations.

### **PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC CONCERNS**

Erin Kaplan, Elizabeth Fowler, Lindsay Stone, Meghan Walsh and Alyson Wiley from the Western Student Association attended the meeting and spoke about an initiative to create better communication. This new Academic Board was started in the College of Arts and Sciences with the help of Dean Alex Enyedi. It will meet monthly and they hope to have representation from each of the college's 26 programs. It will connect students with deans and department heads and prevent a lot of email forwarding. Similar boards are in place in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, the College of Aviation, and the Haworth College of Business

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The next Senate meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 1 December, in the Fetzer Center. [NOTE: The December meeting was later canceled.]

Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport  
Faculty Senate Office