

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Minutes of 4 October 2012**

The Faculty Senate met in the South Ballroom of the Bernhard Center. There were 58 Senators and substitutes present. **Absent:** H. Addison, D. Areaux, S. Ayers, B. Barton, A. Curtis, C. Emerson, J. Gilchrist, D. Lemberg, K. McDonnell, M. Mingus, C. Pietras, K. Smith. **Also present:** Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office; Jody Brylinsky, Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness; Eli Collins-Brown, Office of Faculty Development; Betty Dennis, Associate Dean, Extended University Programs; Tony Dennis, Director of Recruitment and Retention, Graduate College; Harold Glasser, Executive Director for Campus Sustainability; Carol Hustoles, Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel; Jonathan Jackson, Western Student Association; Walter Jensen, Sociology; Gwen Little, Faculty Technology Center; Suzie Nagel, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs; Dave Reinhold, Associate Provost for Assessment and Undergraduate Studies; Joe Reish, Dean, University Libraries; Cheryl Roland, Executive Director of University Relations; Greg Rosine, Vice President for Government Affairs and University Relations; Raymond Thompson, Associate Dean, College of Aviation; Bob Wertkin, Interdisciplinary Health Programs; Tom Wolf, Chief Technology Officer, Office of Information Technology.

Faculty Senate President William Rantz called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Acceptance of the Agenda

The agenda was revised by reversing the order of the last two items. It was moved and seconded to accept the revised agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

The 17 May 2012 minutes were approved as published.

*Faculty Senate Executive Board Report – William Rantz,
Faculty Senate President*

Senate President Rantz gave the following report:

- He commented on the passing of long time Senate colleague, Dr. Van Cooley and noted a campus memorial will be held Sunday, 21 October, at 1 p.m. in Sangren Hall. On behalf of the Senate, Rantz had presented the following resolution to Cooley's wife, Linda, in recognition of his service to the University through the Senate:

WHEREAS, Dr. Van E. Cooley, professor of Educational Leadership, interim dean of the College of Education and Human Development, chair of the Department of Educational Leadership, Research and Technology and member of the graduate faculty of Western Michigan University, served as an Executive Board member of its Faculty Senate from 2001 to 2012; and,

WHEREAS, prior to being elected to that office, Dr. Cooley also served as Faculty Senator and on many of its committees and councils since joining the faculty in 1996, contributing greatly in each instance; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Cooley unselfishly devoted his considerable knowledge and skills as a leader to promoting the common interests of the academy, did so with style and great wit and accomplished many things large and small which moved this University forward toward achieving its goals and aspirations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, representing the faculty of Western Michigan University, the Faculty Senate hereby expresses its deep appreciation of Dr. Van E. Cooley for his unselfish dedication to the mission of this University by means of its tradition of shared governance, and offers its sincere condolences to his wife, Linda Cooley, and to the rest of his family.

- Rantz welcomed Western Student Association representative Jonathan Jackson; substitute senator for the Frostic School of Art, Cat Crotchett; and new Senate council chairs.
- 2012-13 council charges have been created and provided to councils.
- The three MOAs approved by the Senate on 17 May were approved by administration: MOA-12/05, Credit Hour Policy; MOA-12/06, Monitoring Enrollment; and MOA-12/07, Faculty Initiated Grade Change.
- The Senate will host a series of forums being developed by Senate councils. The first forum will be hosted by the Undergraduate Studies Council on general education and assessment after the business portion of the 1 November Senate meeting. Other forum topics and dates will be forthcoming.

Remarks – John Dunn, WMU President

President Dunn commented on the following:

- Fall enrollment is 24,598. We are looking at strategic enrollment management.
- Western View II apartments will open next fall and more housing is planned.
- Celebration of the opening of Sangren Hall and the renovated Lee Honors College was held 28 September.
- Groundbreaking for (1) the School of Medicine is 12 October on the W.E. Upjohn Campus and (2) for the Legacy Collections Center was on 19 July.
- WMU was named one of the top 100 national universities by Washington Monthly.
- He acknowledged the Graduate Student Advisory Committee and the Western Student Association for encouraging students to register and vote.

Remarks – Tim Greene, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Provost Greene commented on the following:

- Searches are on-going for the associate provost for the Haenicke Institute for Global Education and the dean of the College of Education and Human Development. Searches will soon begin for the associate provost for enrollment management and the dean of the Lee Honors College.
- Changes to the teacher preparation program will be implemented next year, as a result of the efforts of Katharine Cummings, associate dean of the College of

Education and Human Development and Van Cooley, along with teachers, principals and superintendents on the Task Force 21 project.

- A WMU phone application has been developed for a variety of uses, such as applying online, accessing bus schedules and locating where specific campus buses are in relation to the student bus stops.
- He encouraged faculty to load mid-term grades into Banner.
- Feedback is being gathered this semester on the Academic Program Review and Planning Procedure.
- The Provost Office and the Senate Office are working to add a search feature to memoranda of action on the Senate's website to access approved policies.

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

WMU United Way Campaign – Joe Reish, Chair, Campus United Way Campaign

Joe Reish informed Senators of the recent merger of the Kalamazoo and Battle Creek region United Way. Its focus is on three pillars for a good life – education, income and health. This year's goal is \$300,000 and he urged participation.

Tactical Action Communities – Jody Brylinsky, Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness

Jody Brylinsky explained the role of Tactical Action Communities (TACs) in relation to the University Strategic Plan. The first TAC assembled was the University Strategic Plan Operations Team to develop implementation and execution models. Several other TACs have been or are in the process of being developed. Brylinsky said the TAC's would not duplicate the work of Faculty Senate bodies.

Campus Climate Survey – Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Jody Brylinsky, associate provost for institutional effectiveness, and Tony Dennis, director of graduate student recruitment and retention, encouraged participation in the Campus Climate Survey by 19 October. It was developed in alignment with the Diversity and Multicultural Action Plan and the University Strategic Plan to assess the campus climate regarding diversity, identifying areas of strengths and weaknesses.

Office of Faculty Development and the Faculty Technology Center – Jan Gabel-Goes, Eli Collins-Brown and Gwen Little

The presenters spoke about recent and upcoming events in the Office of Faculty Development which include New Faculty Orientation and the annual Leadership Academy and Colloquium. Instructional Development Travel Grants are available, and two Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Faculty Learning Communities are starting up. The office provides support for part-time instructors and GTAs. Services are available in the Faculty Technology Center, including sessions on Elearning.

Office for Sustainability – Harold Glasser, Executive Director for Campus Sustainability

Harold Glasser provided an update on the work of his office in sustainability efforts and recent initiatives. He noted funding was available for student research projects

that dealt with sustainability. He announced National Campus Sustainability Day is 24 October. The Sustainability Across Research and Teaching initiative brought together 42 faculty from all seven colleges for teaching and research opportunity.

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC CONCERNS

A concern was expressed regarding storing and accessing student grades.

Two problems with E-Learning were identified:

1. The formula for calculating grades used in Excel gave different results for first work and mid-term grades than E-Learning in the way they use categories, although final grades worked out to be the same.
2. Neither audio nor video files could be uploaded.

Concerns that faculty returning to campus for the fall semester were not informed that VCR machines had been removed from their classrooms and that VCR machines were now not available on campus to use for the extensive libraries of VHS tapes were voiced. Although some of the tapes can now be found on DVDs, many cannot. It was noted the Libraries and Media Services offer some duplication services.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m. The next Senate meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 1 November.

Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport
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