

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Minutes of 6 December 2012

The Faculty Senate met in the Kirsch Auditorium of the Fetzer Center. There were 57 Senators and substitutes present. **Absent:** J. Asumadu, B. Barton, C. Biggs, A. Curtis, C. Emerson, O. Gabor-Peirce, J. Gilchrist, C. R. Krishna-Swamy, D. Lemberg, S. Malcolm, R. Manley, J. Oh, L. Bierlein Palmer, J. Ruhl. **Also present:** Britne Amos, Chair, Graduate Student Advisory Committee; Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office; Raja Aravamathan, Paper Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Imaging; Jody Brylinsky, Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness; Dillon Buckland and Jasmine Neldon, Western Student Association; Maira Bundza, Libraries; Walter Burt, Interim Dean, College of Education and Human Development; Betty Dennis, Associate Dean, Extended University Programs; Alexander Enyedi, Dean, and Terrell Hodge, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Jan Gabel-Goes, Associate Director, Office of Faculty Development; Bassam Harik, Interim Dean, Haenicke Institute for Global Education; Carol Hustoles, Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel; Lynn Kelly-Albertson, Executive Director, and Ewa Urban, Associate Director, Career and Student Employment Services; Carla Koretsky, Associate Dean, Lee Honors College; Marilyn Kritzman, Undergraduate Studies Council; Dan Litynski, Vice President for Research; Robert Miller, Associate Vice President for Community Outreach; Susie Nagel, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs; Dave Reinhold, Associate Provost for Assessment and Undergraduate Studies; Cheryl Roland, Executive Director, University Relations; Raymond Thompson, Associate Dean, College of Aviation; Anthony Vizzini, Dean, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences; Robert Wertkin, Interim Director, Interdisciplinary Health Programs; Tom Wolf, Chief Technology Officer, Office of Information Technology; Fanhua Zeng, visiting professor, Economics.

Faculty Senate President William Rantz called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Acceptance of the Agenda

The agenda was revised to include an update on the Instructor and Course Evaluation System (ICES) from David Reinhold, Associate Provost for Assessment and Undergraduate Studies. It was moved and seconded to accept the revised agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

The 1 November 2012 minutes were approved as published.

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

Senate President Rantz gave the following report:

1. He welcomed Jana Schulman, a new Senator from English, and Walter Burt, interim dean of the College of Education and Human Development.
2. An email will be sent announcing the General Election for Senators and representatives-at-large. Ballots for departments needing elections will be mailed in early January. Petitions for representatives-at-large positions are available from the Senate Office and are due in January.
3. We are off to a good start to our annual faculty fee request and he thanked senators for their continued support.
4. He invited Carol Hustoles, Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel, to provide her yearly report regarding requests to access faculty members' email accounts. She informed the Senate there have been no requests this past year.
5. The Academic Program Review and Planning document was reviewed by Senate councils and the Executive Board will send them to the provost, along with its own recommendations.
6. The new Tactical Action Communities (TACs) will forward issues which fall within the purview of the Senate to the appropriate Senate council.
7. Beta testing of the online curricular process is anticipated during the spring 2013 semester.
8. He attended the Western Student Association's Pizza with the Provost event. WSA Resolution # 1213-07 is supported by the Senate Executive Board and the Senate's memorandum of action, MOA-11/02, Syllabus Template, addresses the resolution's concern.
9. The first forum, presented by the Undergraduate Studies Council on general education, was held on 1 November.
10. The Senate's Medical School Task Force met with Dean Hal Jenson.
11. The restructuring committee, established for the seven-year review of the Senate's councils and committees mandated by our bylaws, has held three meetings to date.

Remarks – John Dunn, WMU President

President Dunn commented on:

- Legislative update – WMU is monitoring the gun bill regarding concealed carry on university campuses and working to ban it.
- A proposal for community colleges to offer 4-year degrees is probably not going forward.
- Reverse transfer agreements were signed with four community colleges – Glen Oaks, Kellogg, Lake Michigan College, and Lansing – allowing students to begin studies at the community college, transfer to WMU and use WMU credits to complete an associate degree.
- Meetings were held with representatives of Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and the Dominican Republic regarding students from those countries attending WMU.
- 72 employees were honored as new members of the 25-Year Club
- The governor appointed two new members to the WMU Board of Trustees – Michelle Crum, an entrepreneur in Ann Arbor, and Ronald Hall, head of a Detroit-area automotive firm. Their terms begin in January, and they replace Larry Tolbert and Dennis Archer.

- The Board of Trustees approved a new Fostering Success Center.
- A search is underway for a new football coach.

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

Provost Greene commented on:

- Searches
 - College of Education and Human Development Dean – a search firm has been selected
 - Associate Provost for the Haenicke Institute for Global Education – three candidates were on campus in November
 - Associate Provost for Strategic Enrollment Management – eight airport interviews were scheduled.
- Spring enrollment is down overall; however, online enrollment is up 46% compared to last year.
- The e-mail system was down again this week, which is a concern.
- There has been a spike in students with the flu.
- The Academic Program Review and Planning document has been sent to senators and comments are welcome until the end of January.
- The Provost's Office and the Office of the Vice President for Research is establishing a two-year pilot program to help offset the cost of non-resident tuition on externally-funded projects that provide support for graduate students.

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Follow Up to Forum on General Education and Instructor and Course Evaluation System (ICES) Update – David Reinhold, Associate Provost for Assessment and Undergraduate Studies

Dave Reinhold thanked participants in the 1 November forum. Two questions were asked: (1) What should our general education program look like in the year 2015? and (2) What should be the process by which we assess all the learning outcomes of our general education program? The Senate Office compiled all responses and Reinhold provided those to the Undergraduate Studies Council. He wants to keep this discussion going and asked the assistance of senators to make that happen within their academic units. Two external speakers will be coming to campus: (1) Susan Albertine, Association of American Colleges and Universities, 6 February 2013, will talk about what is happening nationally with general education and (2) Barbara Wahlberg, 20 March 2013, is an expert in assessment.

With regard to ICES, a committee of six faculty have been meeting, three selected by the Senate and three from the WMU-AAUP. The committee's short-term goal is to improve the student response rate. The long-term goal is to look at the union contract. An e-mail will be going out to faculty regarding spring evaluations, asking that faculty provide time in class for students to complete the evaluations electronically.

Business Technology and Research Park – Robert Miller, Associate Vice President for Community Outreach

Bob Miller provided a brief overview of the BTR Park, noting it began to be developed in 2000. The goals of the park are:

- to create additional opportunities for WMU faculty and students to collaborate with high technology companies
- to further economic development by helping to create, recruit and retain high tech jobs
- to add to the City of Kalamazoo Tax base (WMU is the single largest landowner in Kalamazoo.)

The targeted disciplines of the BTR are advanced engineering, life science and information technology. There are 40 companies in the park, employing 600 people (not counting the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences).

Post-Graduation Activity Report – Ewa Urban, Associate Director of Career and Student Employment

Diane Anderson, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, introduced Ewa Urban, noting that she would provide information regarding what WMU students do after they graduate. Dr. Urban provided a brief overview of her report on post-graduation activity, noting that a survey was conducted of WMU 2011-12 graduates at all levels and a 61% response rate was received. Of the respondents, 87% were actively engaged in further education, internships, the military, or employment. She provided data by college, noted most commonly reported salary ranges, and information on full time employment significantly related to degrees. Her [full report](#) gives details of the survey.

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC CONCERNS

A question was asked about the use of official headshots on the website. Cheryl Roland, executive director of university relations, responded that those headshots were needed as a standard for use on the Web and content management system software, and opportunities were available periodically to have new photographs taken at no cost to the employee.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Senate meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 7 February 2013. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport
Faculty Senate Office