

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**  
**Minutes of 14 March 2013**

The Faculty Senate met in the West Ballroom of the Bernhard Center. There were 52 Senators and substitutes present. **Absent:** H. Addison, D. Anderson, D. Areaux, K. Baldner, B. Barton, J. Berkow, C. Crotchett, A. Curtis, C. Emerson, P. Farber, K. Harvey, D. Lemberg, S. Malcolm, R. Manley, D. Nelson, H. Nibert, J. Oh, J. Petrovic, J. Ruhl, J. Schulman, K. Smith. **Also present:** Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office; Peter Blickle, World Languages and Literatures; Toby Boyle, Office of Information Technology; Jody Brylinsky, Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness; Barbara Cockrell, Associate Dean, Libraries; Alex Enyedi, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Jan Gabel-Goes, Associate Director, Office of Faculty Development; Bassam Harik, Interim Dean, Haenicke Institute for Global Education; David Huffman, Chemistry; Carol Hustoles, Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel; Barbara Liggett, Director, Public Affairs and Administration; Dan Litynski, Vice President for Research; Sean Nicholl, President, Western Student Association; Dasha Nisula, World Languages and Literatures; Joe Reish, Dean, University Libraries; Susan Stapleton, Dean, Graduate College; Andrew Targowski, Business Information Systems; Raymond Thompson, Associate Dean, College of Aviation; Robert Wertkin, Interim Director, Interdisciplinary Health Programs; Tom Wolf, Chief Technology Officer, Office of Information Technology; Members of the International Education Council – Said AbuBakr, Stephen Covell, Bob Dlouhy, Willem Homan, Michelle Metro-Roland, Donna Ring, Wendy Rose.

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

**PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

*Acceptance of the Agenda*

It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

*Approval of Minutes*

The 7 February 2013 minutes were approved as published.

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

Senate President Rantz gave the following report:

- New senator Melissa Villarreal, from the School of Interdisciplinary Health Programs, was welcomed
- The 2013 appraisal of the provost has been mailed to faculty and Rantz encouraged participation and feedback by 29 March.
- Departmental Senator elections were conducted and those elected are being notified. Their names and departments will be announced at the May Senate meeting when their terms begin.

- The Ad Hoc Committee on General Education is being formed to look at revitalizing general education at WMU. Membership nominations are being sought.
- The Senate Committee on University Strategic Plan is being established in response to the role of the Faculty Senate in the University Strategic Plan. The first reading of a bylaw amendment will take place later in the meeting to make this committee a standing committee of the Senate.
- Sean Nicholl, president of the Western Student Association, was invited to the podium to inform the Senate of a resolution regarding campus pride. Students are encouraging faculty to wear WMU apparel.
- Jan Van Der Kley, vice president for business and finance, provided a brief update on changes to the campus bookstore. On 11 April, Follett Higher Education Group Inc. will close the bookstore until 15 April. Over the summer Campus Trends will close and merge with operations on the main level of the Bernhard Center. Changes will be forthcoming in ordering textbooks and departmental computers.

*Remarks – John Dunn, WMU President*

President Dunn gave the following remarks:

- News from the House Education Subcommittee hearing suggested funding more favorable than in the governor's budget.
- For the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System, WMU send \$12 million back to the state from appropriations we receive. Any relief in this would be helpful.
- WMU's Evaluation Center is working with the Swiss National Science Foundation to evaluate that foundation's quality assurance and evaluation transparency.
- WMU has 27 Fulbright program participants on campus, the largest number here to date.
- WMU is one of three Michigan universities on the list of the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll With Distinction.
- WMU is the only Michigan university noted as a Steinway University.

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

Provost Greene commented on the following:

- Chris Tremblay has been selected as associate provost for enrollment management, beginning on 6 May.
- Carrie Cumming, who had been serving as interim registrar, has been selected as registrar.
- Searches for the following are in progress, with interviews anticipated in May and June:
  - Dean of Lee Honors College
  - Dean of the College of Education and Human Development
  - Dean of the College of Fine Arts
  - Associate Provost for the Haenicke Institute for Global Education.
- A Strategic Planning Summit was held on 30 January with 150 attendees.

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU-13/01) was signed by the administration and the Senate to clarify the relationship between the structures within the University Strategic Plan and the Faculty Senate.
- Mid-term grades submitted came from 25% of all sections taught.
- The Fetzer Center will have extra space available for final exams. Proctors will be needed.
- A graduate's major will be added to the diploma starting in June.

### INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### *First Reading of a Proposed Bylaw Change to Make the Committee on University Strategic Plan a Standing Committee of the Faculty Senate*

Senate President Rantz noted the first reading of a proposed bylaw amendment is an information item only this evening. A second reading and vote on this amendment will occur at the April meeting.

#### Rationale

The University Strategic Plan 2012-2015 includes a role for the Faculty Senate to annually monitor the outcomes of the plan. Significant reviews and revisions will be accomplished every three years. The Senate Executive Board is recommending the creation of a standing committee to accomplish this task, which requires a Bylaw change.

#### Article VII: Committees

Sec. 1. In addition to those committees named in Article VII, Sec. 5, of the constitution, the following shall be standing committees of the Senate: Committee on Extended University Programs, **Committee on University Strategic Plan**, Faculty Retirement Recognition, Professional Concerns, Library, and Transfer of Credit.

#### *LibQual Assessment Survey – Barbara Cockrell, Associate Dean, University Libraries*

Barbara Cockrell informed Senators of three items:

- Participation is encouraged in the online LibQual+ survey currently being conducted, which takes place every three years by academic libraries nationwide to collect data to focus on improving services.
- In April a second survey will be launched regarding a proposed new library system discovery interface.
- The Charles C. and Lynn L. Zhang Legacy Collections Center is under construction. In August, walk-in access to archives will be closed in preparation for the move of the materials from the Archives and Regional History Collections and the storage facility in September.

#### *Demonstration of Online Curriculum Review Process – Tobias Boyle, Systems Programmer, Office of Information Technology*

Senate President Rantz informed Senators of the development of an online curriculum review process to streamline approval of curriculum changes. A

Senate committee met in 2011 and 2012 to review the current process and suggested improvements. Toby Boyle has been working with a group on the development of an online system and will provide an overview.

Toby Boyle noted that once the system is ready to be implemented, it will be accessed through Banner Work Flow. One of the real benefits of this system is the faculty initiator of a curriculum change will be able to track where it is in the process. For those whose signature is needed on the proposals, they will be able to log in and sign off on the changes online.

### PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC CONCERNS

Past Senate President Peter Krawutschke commended Marilyn Gillette, from Buster's WMU Bookstore, on her retirement and many years of service to the University.

### ADJOURNMENT

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 4, with an abbreviated meeting followed by a forum presented by the Senate's Research Policies Council.

Rantz adjourned the meeting at 6 p.m. to move into the Forum on Globalization.

Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport  
Faculty Senate Office

#### **International Education Council Forum on Globalization from 6-7 p.m.**

#### *Introduction – Bret Wagner, Chair, International Education Council*

Bret Wagner noted WMU's emphasis to be globally engaged as one of the three pillars of the University Strategic Plan, along with learner centered and discovery driven. He cited some highlights of global engagement at Georgia Tech, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and The Ohio State University. Wagner commented on the work of the Haenicke Institute for Global Education and noted several international events on campus. The International Education Council developed the following discussion questions for tonight's forum, and the attendees addressed them in breakout groups.

1. What does Global Engagement look like right now at WMU? What does it look like in your department or college?
2. What does it mean to internationalize curricula? Can you internationalize "at home?"
3. How do we internationalize research and enhance collaborations?
4. What is the university's role in facilitating internationalization?
5. What problems or constraints exist that hamper efforts at being globally engaged?

The forum concluded at 7 p.m.