

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Minutes of 16 May 2013
2012-13 Academic Year

The Faculty Senate met in the Fetzer Center. There were 48 Senators and substitutes present. **Absent:** B. Applegate, S. Ayers, J. Berkow, L. Bierlein Palmer, C. Biggs, C. Crotchett, A. Curtis, J. Dunn, C. Emerson, P. Farber, G. Flamme, J. Gilchrist, W. Gunter, B. Johnson, M. Konate, D. Lemberg, R. Manley, M. Mickus, H. Nibert, S. Rao, W. Sauck, G. Veeck, M. Villarreal, B. Wagner, R. Wall Emerson. **Also present:** Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office; Maira Bundza, University Libraries; David Dakin, Director, Facilities Management Planning Division; Betty Dennis, Associate Dean, Extended University Programs; Alex Enyedi, Dean, Arts and Sciences; Shari Glaser, Director, Parent and Family Programs; Bassam Harik, Vice Provost, Haenicke Institute for Global Education; Carol Hustoles, Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel; Marilyn Kritzman, Undergraduate Studies Council and WMU-AAUP; Greg Rosine, Vice President for Government Affairs and University Relations; Anthony Vizzini, Dean, Engineering and Applied Sciences. Members of Tobacco Free Campus Committee: Amy Seth, Director of University Recreation and committee chair; Rob Kakuk, Director, Human Resources; and Cari Robertson, Director of Health Promotion and Education.

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

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Acceptance of the Agenda

As May meetings are considered special sessions, Rantz did not request acceptance of the agenda.

Approval of Minutes of 4 April Senate Meeting

Approval of the 4 April minutes was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

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

Senate President Rantz reported on the following:

- He welcomed and introduced Christopher Tremblay, new associate provost for enrollment management, who also serves as a presidential appointee to the Senate.
- He expressed appreciation of Senate service and recognized Senators whose terms are ending:
 - ❖ Karen Bondarchuck, Art
 - ❖ Stephen Malcolm, Biological Sciences
 - ❖ Heather Addison, Communication
 - ❖ Elizabeth Bradburn, English
 - ❖ Abby Wang, Management
 - ❖ Ann Veeck, Marketing

- ❖ Maureen Mickus, Occupational Therapy
- ❖ Charles Henderson, Physics
- ❖ Gunther Hega, Political Science
- ❖ Barbara Barton, Social Work
- He thanked the Executive Board for their service and looks forward to working with them again next year with one exception. Peter Krawutschke's term as past president on the Board ends with this meeting.
- He reported the WMU-AAUP had raised some issues with [MOA-13/01 Elearning Course-Level Criteria](#) (presented by the Senate Committee on Extended University Programs and approved at the 4 April Senate meeting.) In meeting with the AAUP leadership, it's been agreed that a meeting will be arranged to review the MOA before it moves forward.
- The Executive Board has had numerous meetings with Associate Provost Jody Brylinsky and Provost Tim Greene to finalize the Senate's role in academic review and program planning.
- A new Senate Committee on University Strategic Planning (CUSP) was formed to oversee implementation of the university's strategic plan. Senate Executive Board Director Richard Gershon will chair that committee.
- Three Senate forums were presented this year:
 - ❖ International Education Council - Forum on Globalization
 - ❖ Research Policies Council - Pathways to Discovery: Research, Scholarship and Reputation of WMU Faculty, Staff and Students
 - ❖ Undergraduate Studies Council - General Education: Where Do We Go From Here?
- The general education forum resulted in Susan Albertine, from the Association of American Colleges and Universities, being invited to campus to continue the discussion on general education. Also, the Senate's Ad Hoc Committee on General Education was formed and will be meeting periodically over the summer to strategize about how it will move forward to do a comprehensive review of general education starting in the fall.
- As Senate president, Rantz attended and provided a brief update at WMU Board of Trustee meetings. The president of the Board of Trustees, Bill Johnston, attended one of the Executive Board meetings.
- He thanked the membership of the Senate councils and committees for the tremendous amount of work they do as they engage in lengthy deliberations to develop recommendations to create or revise university policies.
- The Senate Restructuring Committee comprised of five past Senate presidents reviewed the structure and policies of the Senate this past year. The committee's report will be reviewed by the Executive Board and presented to the full Senate in the fall.
- Rantz shared two summary slides from the 2013 results of the provost's appraisal noting those had been provided to Provost Greene in advance of tonight's meeting. The results, which had a 31% response rate from faculty, are available in the Faculty Senate Office.

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

Provost Greene's comments included:

- WMU President John Dunn and former provost Timothy Light were visiting China and Japan to explore new opportunities and attend alumni events.
- He was very pleased with spring commencement and 29 June is the date of the summer commencement. He encouraged faculty to attend.
- Summer enrollment is down 4%, however online course enrollments are up 4.8% for summer and continue to rise.
- Fall enrollment numbers are a long way out but compared to this date last year are down 1.9% with online up 5.8%.
- Twelve orientation sessions are scheduled starting in June with several being held on weekends this year.
- 72% of the university's income comes from enrollment and tuition and the other part is associated with state appropriations. It's anticipated there will be a 2% increase to higher education institutions with tuition constraint language added as a condition to that.
- He also welcomed Christopher Tremblay, associate provost for enrollment management, and noted Carla Koretsky's appointment as dean of the Lee Honors College. He anticipates the appointment of the associate provost for the Haenicke Institute for Global Education shortly after Memorial Day.
- An ethnically diverse group of twenty new Medallion Scholars was selected with median GPAs of 4.28 and median ACT score is 30.
- Several outstanding accomplishments by aviation and music students were mentioned.
- He expressed appreciation of faculty that took time to respond to the appraisal, especially those that sent individual comments. He welcomed faculty suggestions at any time.

ACTION ITEMS

MOA-13/02 Honors Upon Graduation Policy Revision from the Transfer of Credit Committee

Rantz invited Dr. David Burnie, professor of finance and commercial law, and a member of the Senate's Transfer of Credit Committee, to present that committee's recommended revision to the policy on Honors upon Graduation.

The Current Honors Upon Graduation Policy is:

In computing the grade point average for honors, the following rules will apply:

1. All credits and honor points earned at Western Michigan University will be counted.
2. All students must have earned at least fifty-six semester hours of credits at Western Michigan University, of which fifty must be graded by a letter grade and computed into the final cumulative grade point average.

The graduation program will list as *candidates for honors* all students who have earned a point-hour average of 3.50 through the next-to-last semester of residence (based on a minimum of forty-five semester hours of credit earned at Western of which thirty-five hours must be in courses with grades.) Final determination of honors and level of awards will be based upon all work and will appear on the final transcript.

The Proposed Honors Upon Graduation Policy is:

In computing the grade point average for honors, the following rules will apply:

1. All credits and honor points earned at Western Michigan University will be counted.
2. All students must have earned at least **fifty** semester hours of **course work** at Western Michigan University **which was** graded by a letter grade and computed into the final cumulative grade point average.

The graduation program will list as *candidates for honors* all students who have earned a **cumulative grade point** average of 3.50 through the next to last semester of residence **and will have at least 50 credit hours of graded course work from Western after graduation. Determination of the 50 credit hours will be made after the drop and add period of the last semester in which the student will take classes.** Final determination of honors and level of awards will be based upon all work and will appear on the final transcript.

Approval of MOA-13/02 was moved by Abudayyeh and seconded by Flanagan. Motion carried.

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Tobacco Free Campus Committee Update – Amy Seth, Chair

Amy Seth, director of University Recreation, and chair of the Tobacco Free Campus Committee, along with Cari Robertson, director of Health Promotion and Education, and Rob Kakuk, director of Human Resources, provided an update on committee activities to date. They shared a draft of the Tobacco-Free Campus Policy: The fourth goal of the University's Strategic Plan is to ensure a diverse, inclusive, and healthy community. A specific strategy of this goal is to enhance the health and wellness of the community. Western Michigan University wants to provide and maintain an optimally healthy and safe working and living environment for students, faculty, staff and visitors. Recognizing the health, safety and comfort benefits of smoke-free air, WMU intends to be a tobacco free campus beginning Sept. 1, 2014.

There has been a good response to the employee survey questions but most of those responses have been from staff. A link to the employee survey questions was provided along with the request that faculty please participate in completing the survey before the end of May.

During discussion, they were questioned if consideration of a cultural piece with regard to international students and their relationship with tobacco had been considered. Jan Van Der Kley, vice president for business and finance, addressed enforcement options, while noting that numerous universities across the country have moved to tobacco free campuses.

Scholar Works – Maira Bundza, ScholarWorks Librarian

<http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/ScholarWorks.for.FS.May.2013.pptx>

Bundza gave a PowerPoint presentation on the status of ScholarWorks at WMU. The goal of a scholarly repository is to showcase the work of faculty, staff and students at the university; facilitate scholarly communication and to preserve and archive materials for long term access. She noted a substantial increase in the use of ScholarWorks in the year and a half since she last reported to the Senate and welcomed interested parties to contact her for further information.

University Common Read –

Shari Glaser, University Common Read Committee

<http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/2013-14.Common.Read.pptx>

Shari Glaser, director, WMU Parent and Family Programs, and member of the University Common Read Committee, provided an overview of that committee's activities with the goals for and selection of a book for WMU's second university-wide common read. The 2013-14 program will be launched during the first week of June in conjunction with orientation.

The selection of *Anatomy of Injustice* by Raymond Bonner for the university common read is based on selection criteria of not only subject matter and writing style but a richness of themes that are interdisciplinary and can be viewed in a variety of ways by disciplines across campus.

*Design Concept for the Plaza Fountain – David Dakin,
Director, Facilities Management Planning Division*

<http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/Plaza.Fountain.May.2013.pdf>

David Dakin, director of the Facilities Management Planning Division, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the new design concept for renovation of Plaza Fountain which will occur over the summer. The goal is to create a space that is more inviting for student use with greenery and seating that is more organic.

*Academic Program Review and Planning and Criteria – Tim Greene,
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Provost Greene provided a PowerPoint presentation in which he reviewed the status of academic program review and planning and provided additional information about the criteria.

He reviewed the schedule for implementation with continued preparation taking place until October 2013, beta testing then evaluation of the process during 2013-14, and review of all academic programs on campus during 2014-15.

Provost Greene discussed the five criteria categories:

- Strategic alignment
- Quality and demand
- Resource management
- Discovery productivity
- Impact and opportunity

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC CONCERNS

Senate President Rantz commented that last month's concern regarding the removal of trees for the proposed Goldsworth Valley dining hall had been resolved by President Dunn's campus wide email announcing that project would be on hold.

He noted that Vice President Jan Van Der Kley had corresponded directly to the senators that raised concerns about building security inconsistencies and a parking ticket incident.

Jan Van Der Kley asked that a question concerning the new book store's procedures be forwarded to her and Christopher Tremblay said he would address a concern about students being informed about books required for courses.

Adjournment of 2012-13 Faculty Senate

Rantz adjourned the last Senate meeting of 2012-13, noting a brief meeting of the 2013-14 Senate would follow.

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Introduction and Welcome of New Senators

Beginning his second and final year as Senate president, Rantz welcomed and expressed appreciation to all 2013-14 continuing and re-elected Senators and representatives-at-large. New Senators were introduced:

- Christopher Tremblay, Presidential Appointee
- Cat Crotchet, Art
- David Karowe Biological Sciences
- Richard Gershon, Communication
- Thomas Kent, English
- Mariam Konate, Gender and Women's Studies
- John Mueller, Management
- Bruce Ferrin, Marketing
- David Schuster, Physics
- Gary Mathews, Social Work
- Joseph Pellerito, Occupational Therapy

ACTION ITEM

Adjournment

*Election of Council Members – Dennis Simpson,
Chair, Nominations and Election Committee*

Rantz noted the second meeting of the 2013-14 academic year would be held in October and adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Senate Vice President Simpson conducted the election to fill vacancies on 2013-14 Senate councils.

Janice Anderson and
Suzanne Davenport
Faculty Senate Office

Academic and Information Technology Council

- Robert Leneway, Educational Leadership, Research and Technology (re-elected)
- Bernard Han, Business Information Systems (re-elected)
- Sarah Hill, Anthropology (elected)
- Vladimir Risukhin, Aviation (elected)

Campus Planning and Finance Council

- Harold Glasser, Environmental Studies Program (re-elected)
- C. R. Krishna-Swamy, Finance and Commercial Law (re-elected)
- Dennis McCrumb, Educational Leadership, Research and Technology (re-elected)
- Kieran Fogarty, Interdisciplinary Health Science Ph.D. Program/Occupational Therapy (elected)
- Gary Mathews, Social Work (elected)

Graduate Studies Council

- Christine Byrd-Jacobs, Biological Sciences (re-elected)
- Brian Young, Chemical and Paper Engineering (re-elected)
- Michele Behr, University Libraries (re-elected)

International Education Council

- Sisay Asefa, Economics (re-elected)
- Bret Wagner, Management (re-elected)
- Robert Dlouhy, Center for English Language and Culture for International Students (re-elected)
- Shaila Rao, Special Education and Literacy Studies (re-elected)
- James Butterfield, Political Science (elected)
- Beth Ernst, CELCIS (elected)
- Michael Millar, Spanish (re-elected)

Research Policies Council

- Alan Wuosmaa, Physics (re-elected)
- Lori Brown, Aviation (elected)
- David Rudge, Biological Sciences (elected)

Undergraduate Studies Council

- Kent Baldner, Philosophy (re-elected)
- Marilyn Kritzman, Communication (re-elected)
- JoAnn Atkin, Marketing (re-elected)
- Ariel Anderson, Teaching, Learning and Educational Studies (re-elected)