

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Minutes of 3 October 2013

The Faculty Senate met in Rooms 105-107 of the Bernhard Center. There were 61 Senators and substitutes present. **Absent:** L. Bierlein Palmer, C. Biggs, C. Crotchett, C. Emerson, P. Farber, W. Gunter, B. Johnson, D. Karowe, C. R. Krishna-Swamy, D. Lemberg, G. Mathews, D. Simpson, J. Schulman, B. Wagner. **Also present:** Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office; Andrea Beach, Office of Faculty Development; Jody Brylinsky, Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness; Roxanna Duntley-Matos, Social Work; Alex Enyedi, Dean, Arts and Sciences; Daniel Guyette, Dean, Fine Arts; Terry Hudson, Dawn McCrary and Jim O'Connor, Follett; Carol Hustoles, Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel; Lynn Kelly-Albertson, Career and Student Services; Carla Koretsky, Dean, Lee Honors College; Marilyn Kritzman, Undergraduate Studies Council and WMU-AAUP; Ming Li, Dean, Education and Human Development; Barbara Liggett, Director, Public Affairs and Administration; Ed Martini, Associate Dean, Arts and Sciences; Patrick Munley, Chair, Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology; Tim Ready, Lewis Walker Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations; David Reinhold, Associate Provost for Assessment and Undergraduate Studies; Joe Reish, Dean, University Libraries; Cheryl Roland, Executive Director, University Relations; Greg Rosine, Vice President for Government Affairs and University Relations; Wolfgang Schlör, Associate Provost, Haenicke Institute for Global Education; Susan Stapleton, Dean, Graduate College; Baiba Stepe, Director, Auxiliary Enterprises; Earle Washington, Dean, Health and Human Services; Tom Wolf, Chief Technology Officer, Office of Information Technology.

Faculty Senate President William Rantz called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Acceptance of the Agenda

A motion was made and supported to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of 16 May Senate Meeting

The 16 May minutes were approved as published.

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

Faculty Senate President William Rantz gave the following report:

- This evening's meeting will conclude at 6:30 p.m. to accommodate the WMU Campus Climate Study Town Hall Meeting with Roger Worthington from the University of Missouri immediately following.
- He thanked continuing Senators for their service and introduced 13 new Senators:
 - Christopher Tremblay, Presidential Appointee
 - Cat Crotchett, Art

- David Karowe, Biological Sciences
- Richard Gershon, Communication
- Thomas Kent, English
- Mariam Konaté, Gender and Women's Studies
- John Mueller, Management
- Bruce Ferrin, Marketing
- Joseph Pellerito, Occupational Therapy
- David Schuster, Physics
- Kevin Corder, Political Science
- Udaya Wagle, Public Affairs and Administration
- Gary Mathews, Social Work
- New administrators were welcomed:
 - Wolfgang Schlör, Associate Provost for the Haenicke Institute for Global Education
 - Daniel Guyette, Dean, College of Fine Arts
 - Ming Li, Dean, College of Education and Human Development
 - Carla Koretsky, Dean, Lee Honors College
 - Edmund Tsang, Interim Dean, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences
- He highlighted actions of the Executive Board over the summer and thanked the members for their service:
 - Committees that have been meeting—
 - The Committee on University Strategic Planning made a recommendation which is coming forward to the Executive Board. It is chaired by Richard Gershon.
 - The Ad Hoc Committee on General Education is looking at assessment and general education.
 - The Restructuring Committee is making recommendations regarding the way the Senate functions.
 - A new ad hoc committee is being formed on centers and institutes, to be chaired by Suzan Ayers.
 - The curriculum change process form will be on line and is in beta testing. Alan Rea has been working with that group and it is anticipated to be out in spring semester for course changes.
 - The Board has been working closely with the provost and Jody Brylinsky regarding the Academic Program Review and Planning Process.
- Sometimes people ask who speaks for the faculty. Senators do. You are elected, and I hope you share with your faculty and your departments what transpires. The Senate is an important vehicle for shared governance. We work together with our administrators to come up with solutions for challenges for the University, and of course that directly benefits our students, faculty and the University. Everything outside of the contract we do.
- A search feature has been added to the Faculty Senate website to facilitate locating approved memoranda of action back to 2000.
- WMU will observe the 11th National Campus Sustainability Day by hosting events to stimulate campus and community discussion and showcasing community sustainability projects and leaders on Tuesday, 22 October, and Wednesday, 23 October. Additional information will be forthcoming in the WMU News.

Remarks by John Dunn, WMU President

President Dunn's remarks included the following:

- He acknowledged new senators and the important role they play in terms of the structure of the University.
- Fall enrollment is 24,300, a decline of 1.2% from last fall; student credit hours are down 1.9%. We had an increase in true new freshman (5.1%), doctoral students (3.7%) and international students (7%). The goal is to maintain 25% graduate, 75% undergraduate. We continue to recruit heavily internationally as a truly great university must be an international university. The profile of true new freshman has improved in ACT scores, overall GPA and in top 10% of their class. There was an increase in freshman to sophomore retention rate and minority recruitment.
- Facilities—
 - The Charles C. and Lynn L. Zhang Legacy Collections Center will soon be completed to house WMU's records and archives, the Kalamazoo Gazette's, and that of many surrounding counties.
 - Western View II Apartments are open with the community center. There is high student interest.
 - East Hall – Preliminary plans for the exterior landscaping around the building is designed as a park-like setting.
 - The topping out ceremony was held on 2 October for WMed.
 - Hojke and Bigelow Halls are being razed to be replaced with a new residence facility.
- Recent discussion about rating agencies resulted in Moody's and S&P bond ratings staying the same.
- Several faculty have received awards, including:
 - Manuel Bautista and Thomas Gorczyca, recipients of a National Science Foundation grant in astrophysics;
 - NSF awards to Susan Stapleton, Dean, Graduate College; Arlen Gullickson, emeriti researcher, Evaluation Center; and Mary Anne Sydlik, Mallinson Institute for Science Education;
 - A Michigan Department of Transportation award that went to Jun Oh, Civil and Construction Engineering.
- We have an all-time high number of 33 Fulbright scholars.
- There are students from 105 different nations on campus. On 5 October 900 students are coming to WMU for Saudi National Day, along with diplomats.
- Mingyuan Yang, a Music freshman, won the International Double Reed Society Young Artist Competition on the bassoon and is considered one of two or three of the world's top young bassoonists.

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

Provost Greene's remarks included the following:

Searches underway—

- director of Academic Collective Bargaining
- dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences
- associate dean of Lee Honors College.

- He commented on WMU exhibits at Art Prize in Grand Rapids and a recent Seita Scholars event.
- He reminded senators of the State of the University Address at the Academic Convocation on 4 October at 2 p.m. in the Dalton Center.

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

*WMU United Way Campaign – Joseph Reish, Chairman,
WMU United Way Committee*

Joe Reish, dean of University Libraries and chair of the WMU United Way Committee, encouraged participation in this year's campaign so we can change the story for those in need. He commented that a community is only as good as we make it. This year's goal is \$300,000.

*Update on Academic Program Review and Planning – Tim Greene,
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Jody Brylinsky,
Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness*

Provost Greene commented that we want to continue to enhance the quality of programs at the University and it is a healthy process to consider new and revised programs. We need to look at how programs tie together. In this academic program review we will look at majors, minors, concentrations, general education courses, and service courses. Changes involving merger or closure will follow the curriculum review process and include the Faculty Senate indications and contraindications. The provost discussed Phase I Review and Phase II Planning, noting changes to the process. Beta testing of a sampling of programs will take place in 2013-14. In 2014-15 all graduate and undergraduate programs will be reviewed at the same time in the context of their departments.

Follett Bookstore Update – Jan Van Der Kley, Vice President for Business and Finance and Chief Financial Officer, Terry Hudson, Store Director, and Dawn McCrary, Co-Store Manager, Follett Bookstore

Vice President Jan Van Der Kley introduced this item to the Senate. Dawn McCrary and Jim O'Connor, Follett representatives, discussed changes to the book ordering process.

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC CONCERNS

Senate President Rantz indicated that we were not going to be able to take professional concerns this evening, due to time constraints. However, he encouraged Senators to contact the Faculty Senate Office if there were concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate President Rantz invited everyone to stay for the Campus Climate Study Town Hall Meeting. The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 7 November, in the Fetzer Center. Rantz adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office