

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Minutes of 7 November 2013

The Faculty Senate met in the Fetzer Center Auditorium. There were 53 Senators and substitutes present. **Absent:** M. Anderson, D. Areaux, I. Baker, C. Biggs, C. Crotchett, C. Emerson, J. Eng, P. Farber, T. Greene, W. Huang, B. Johnson, D. Karowe, T. Kent, M. Konaté, P. Krawutschke, C. R. Krishna-Swamy, D. Lemberg, R. Manley, J. Pellerito, A. Rea, A. Venter, B. Wagner, R. Wall Emerson. **Also present:** Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office; Jody Brylinsky, Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness; David Burnie, Finance and Commercial Law; Dawn Gaymer, Associate Provost, and Betty Dennis, Associate Dean, Extended University Programs; Harold Glasser, Environmental Studies and Executive Director for Campus Sustainability; Decker Hains, Chair, Military Science and Leadership, and Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on General Education; Carla Koretsky, Dean, Lee Honors College; Marilyn Kritzman, Undergraduate Studies Council and WMU-AAUP; David Reinhold, Associate Provost for Assessment and Undergraduate Studies; Cheryl Roland, Executive Director, University Relations; Susan Stapleton, Dean, Graduate College; Raymond Thompson, Associate Dean, College of Aviation; Patti VanWalbeck, Associate Vice President for Business and Finance; Bob Wertkin, Director, Interdisciplinary Health Programs; Tom Wolf, Chief Technology Officer, Office of Information Technology.

Faculty Senate President William Rantz called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Acceptance of the Agenda

Senate President Rantz noted the agenda was revised, as Provost Tim Greene was unable to attend and an update on Tobacco-Free Campus was added as the first information item. A motion was made by Heun, supported by Langworthy, to accept the revised agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of 3 October Senate Meeting

The 3 October minutes were approved as published.

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

Faculty Senate President William Rantz reported the following:

1. He commented the Faculty Senate is the cradle of shared governance at WMU.
2. MOA-13/01, Elearning Course-Level Criteria was approved by the Senate on 4 April. The WMU-AAUP requested this sentence be added to the MOA: "The content and outcomes of this MOA are to be used for assessment of student learning and course design and shall not be used to evaluate the professional competence, the procedures for which are articulated in Articles 16, 17 and 18 of the WMU-AAUP Agreement."

The Executive Board approved the following revision to that sentence and will forward the MOA to administration with that revision.

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3. The provost passed along remarks: (1) There was a 25% response rate to mid-term grades and (2) administration is working to fill positions of dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences and the contract administrator.
4. Forums are being planned for several upcoming Senate meetings.
5. The Executive Board supports periodic program review and planning.
6. Volunteers are needed to beta test the online curricular review process.

Remarks by John Dunn, WMU President

President Dunn's remarks included the following:

- Provost Greene is at a meeting of the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities in Washington, D.C.
- The president attended a luncheon of veterans and ROTC cadets, which provided the opportunity for recognition and mentoring.
- The Seita Scholars Center shares information in Michigan and out of state regarding student success stories.
- Academic program review is on-going, as is national accreditation.
 - The College of Education and Human Development was removed from the watch list, but more can be done.
 - Haworth College of Business received an incredibly positive review.
- International students are extremely important to WMU; we have students from 105 nations. The College of Education and Human Development is helping develop delivery of doctorate degrees in the Dominican Republic.
- On 2 December we will celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s visit to WMU. The tape of his visit has been located and will be shown.
- The Southwest Michigan Innovation Center is 10 years old; located in the Business, Technology and Research Park with success in collaborations and providing internships for WMU students.
- Lansing
 - Education and vocational education are being discussed; along with metric discussions within Carnegie classifications.
 - Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System – WMU has a 13 million dollar bill. Adjustments have been made for museums, libraries, community colleges, but not the seven public universities affected by this. Vice President Jan Van Der Kley is leading the conversation with regional legislators on this.
- Men's athletics has the highest GPA in the MAC and women athletics has ranked second for the last two years.
- Fritz Allhoff, Philosophy, received a \$500,000 grant to study cyberwarfare.
- The Graduate Student Advisory Committee is hosting the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students conference, 7-10 November.
- National Campus Sustainability Day was celebrated on 22-23 October.

ACTION ITEM

MOA-13/04 Revisions to the Accelerated Degree Program

Marilyn Kritzman, vice chair of the Undergraduate Studies Council, provided an overview of proposed revisions to the Accelerated Degree Program from the USC and Graduate Studies Council. Revisions include the minimum GPA, credit hours, incorporate Specialist and Doctoral degrees and a name change to Accelerated Graduate Degree Program, to clearly articulate which degree is being accelerated. Flamme moved, supported by Baldner, approval of MOA-13/04. Motion carried.

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Tobacco-Free Campus Update

Suzan Ayers, a member of the Tobacco-Free Campus Implementation Committee, provided an update on making WMU a tobacco-free campus. The draft policy was presented to the Board of Trustees in September and will become effective 1 September 2014. An FAQ page is being developed. Smoking in cars will be allowed.

Email Security Issues

Jim Gilchrist, vice provost for budget and personnel and chief information officer, discussed email security issues and cyber crimes. WMU rejects 90% of emails coming into the university through spamware and firewalls. He cautioned senators about phishing and problems it causes not only for the recipient, but for others on the email servers. He stressed not to open attachments or click on links from senders they don't know and that looked suspicious, and he provided the email address of abuse@wmich.edu to forward questionable emails.

Restructuring Committee Report 1st Reading

Dennis Simpson, chair of the Restructuring Committee, noted the committee was formed to address the required periodic review of the structure of Senate councils and committees. Committee membership includes four past Senate presidents: Laurel Grotzinger, John Jellies, Peter Krawutschke, and Paul Pancella.

The committee focused its review and recommendations on four areas:

1. The structure and function of the Senate Executive Board
2. Senate councils and committees
3. Senate membership and participation
4. General review of the Constitution and Bylaws.

Senators were provided the proposed amendments and asked to review them and forward any comments to the Faculty Senate Office prior to the December 5th Senate meeting, at which time there will be a vote on the proposed amendments.

Update on Enrollment Recommendations and Actions related to Scannell & Kurz Consultants Report

An update on enrollment recommendations and actions was provided by Christopher Tremblay, associate provost for enrollment management. Scannell & Kurz

Consultants reviewed scholarships and grants for new freshmen and transfer students and identified opportunities to implement financial aid policies to increase student retention and student success. Senators commented on the need to look at international and graduate students, as well as in-state and out-of-state tuition.

Report on the Ad Hoc Committee on General Education

A report on the Ad Hoc Committee on General Education was provided by the chair, Decker Hains, a professor and chair of the Department of Military Science and Leadership, along with David Reinhold, associate provost for assessment and undergraduate studies. The committee encourages faculty and departments to begin conversations about general education.

The committee is examining the current general education program and learning outcomes to determine if changes are needed and will propose ways to better integrate the general education learning outcomes across disciplines and curricula, help students appreciate the goals of the general education program, and recommend a system to assess the general education program for continual improvement. The committee is seeking faculty input and its report is linked here: <http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/Ad-Hoc-Cmte-on-Gen-Ed-07Nov13.pptx>

Academic Program Review and Planning – Jody Brylinsky, Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness

An update on Academic Program Review and Planning was presented by Jody Brylinsky, associate provost for institutional effectiveness. She noted the provost's website is kept updated with draft documents and meeting minutes of the APR&P Project Management Team. Three members of the team gave insight as to their experience and perspective with this project: William Liou, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering; Jana Schulman, English; and David Burnie, Finance and Commercial Law. In addition, C. Dennis Simpson, director of the Specialty Program in Alcohol and Drug Abuse, spoke as a beta program chair participant.

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC CONCERNS

In light of recent budget cuts in the College of Arts and Sciences, Senator Dooley inquired if information could be provided regarding the University's budget as a whole, in the spirit of transparency. President Dunn responded that a slide presentation will be provided at the next Faculty Senate meeting. In addition, information is located on the website in the map of Michigan link.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 5 December, in the Fetzer Center. Senate President Rantz adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office