

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Minutes of 5 December 2013**

The Faculty Senate met in the Fetzer Center Auditorium. There were 57 Senators and substitutes present. **Absent:** M. Anderson, B. Applegate, J. Berkow, L. Bierlein Palmer, C. Emerson, P. Farber, J. Gilchrist, D. Karowe, T. Kent, C. R. Krishna-Swamy, D. Lemberg, R. Manley, J. Pellerito, S. Rao, J. Ruhl, D. Schuster, C. Tremblay, A. Venter, B. Wagner. **Also present:** Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office; Norman Azoulay and Karen Wheeler, Elsevier; Kailash Bafna, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering; Michele Behr, Chair, Senate Committee on Extended University Programs; Jody Brylinsky, Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness; Damon Chambers, Chair, Graduate Student Advisory Committee; Barbara Cockrell, Associate Dean, University Libraries; John-Mark Cuarto, President, Western Student Association; Alex Enyedi, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Leigh Ford, Director, School of Communication; Dawn Gaymer, Associate Provost, Betty Dennis, Associate Dean, and Lisa Emery, Executive Director of Enrollment Management and Marketing, Extended University Programs; Harold Glasser, Environmental Studies and Executive Director for Campus Sustainability; Jay Hoinville, Office of the Vice President for Research; David Huffman, Chemistry; Carla Koretsky, Dean, Lee Honors College; Marilyn Kritzman, Undergraduate Studies Council and WMU-AAUP; Barbara Liggett, Director, School of Public Affairs and Administration; Dan Litynski, Vice President for Research; Steve Malcolm, Biological Sciences; Dasha Nisula, World Languages and Literatures; David Reinhold, Associate Provost for Assessment and Undergraduate Studies; Joe Reish, Dean, University Libraries; Cheryl Roland, Executive Director, University Relations; Colleen Scarff, Assistant Vice President for Budget and Planning; John Spitsbergen, Chair, Biological Sciences; 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.

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

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Acceptance of the Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes of 7 November Senate Meeting

The 7 November minutes were approved as published.

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

Faculty Senate President William Rantz reported the following:

1. Immediately following this abbreviated Senate meeting, there will be a forum from the Senate Committee on Extended University Programs.

2. As this is the last meeting for Past Senate President Peter Krawutschke prior to retirement, he was thanked for his many years of Senate service.
3. Notification will be sent for the 2014 general election which begins in January. In addition to representatives-at-large and departmental openings, this year the election for Senate president and vice president will be held. Nominating petitions are available from the Senate Office.
4. Academic Affairs and the Faculty Senate are sponsoring a Town Hall Meeting on Academic Program Review and Planning on Thursday, January 30th from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Fetzer Center with light refreshments served. This and two additional town hall meetings yet to be scheduled will provide a more in depth overview of the process and allow more faculty to attend, rather than just a limited report at the monthly Senate meetings.
5. A day long campus-wide Suicide Prevention event will be held on Thursday, February 13th. Please "Save the Date" and watch for additional information.
6. Although listed as an information/discussion item, tonight's budget report is in response to a professional concern voiced at the November meeting. As we won't have time for additional professional concerns tonight, Senators are invited to forward any concerns to the Senate Office so those can be directed to the appropriate party for a response.

Remarks by John Dunn, WMU President

President Dunn's remarks included the following:

- A report is out regarding rising student debt and puts Michigan in the top 10% of student debt load.
- Steve Wolfenbarger, professor of Music, was named Michigan Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.
- Karen Lancendorfer, associate professor of marketing, has been elected president of the American Academy of Advertising.
- Sangren Hall has won a 2013 Honor Award from the Detroit chapter of the American Institute of Architecture.

Remarks by Provost Tim Greene

Provost Greene made the following remarks:

- The selection process for a director of academic collective bargaining is nearly complete.
- A search firm will assist in the process of filling the position of dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.
- Enrollment for spring semester looks very good, with increases in both graduate and undergraduate enrollment.
- The Medallion Scholarship Competition will take place in January and February.

ACTION ITEM

Second Reading and Vote on the Proposed Amendments to the Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws

Dennis Simpson, chair of the Restructuring Committee, provided an overview of proposed amendments to the Senate constitution and bylaws, which were introduced at the 7 November meeting. At that meeting, Senators were asked to review them and forward comments to the Faculty Senate Office prior to the December 5th Senate meeting. None were received. It was moved and seconded to approve the proposed amendments. Motion carried. The proposed amendments will need approval by the faculty, University president and Board of Trustees before becoming final.

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Elsevier Experts System and the MCRN Portal – Dan Litynski, Vice President for Research; Jay Hoinville, Office of Vice President for Research; Karen Wheeler and Norman Azoulay, Elsevier

Vice President Litynski noted the Office of the Vice President for Research supports all faculty in discovery efforts. WMU is using SciVal Experts research networking tool, which identifies expertise and facilitates collaboration within institutions or across organizations. This tool applies the Elsevier Fingerprint Engine to review publication history, obtain a researcher's distinctive expertise and analyze funding opportunities. WMU is one of six Michigan research universities partnering with Michigan Corporate Relations Network (MCRN) on the online Expertise and Resource Portal which allows Michigan businesses to find experts or researchers and establish consulting relationships with them.

University Budget – Jan Van Der Kley, Vice President for Business and Finance, Tim Greene, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Colleen Scarff, Assistant Vice President for Budgets and Financial Planning

Vice President Van Der Kley provided an overview of the 2013-14 University budget including revenue and expenditures, as well as state appropriations. Discussion included the need for conversation about different course delivery methods and modes; resident and non-resident tuition; interest in 3+1 programs; growth in Extended University Programs; and financial planning.

Due to the time allotted for the abbreviated Senate meeting, further discussion of the budget was halted.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate President Rantz adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m. and encouraged Senators to stay for the forum being presented by the Faculty Senate Committee on Extended University Programs.

Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office

FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON EXTENDED UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS FORUM ON ACCESS, OUTREACH, AND INNOVATION IN EDUCATION

Michele Behr, chair of the Senate Committee on Extended University Programs, provided an introduction. The committee was initially formed as an ad hoc committee in 2009 and then in 2010 was changed to a standing committee. It is in the process of making a transition to be a council.

Dawn Gaymer, associate provost for Extended University Programs, noted the extension department of the University was established in 1905. It serves non-traditional audiences and extends beyond boundaries.

A video was shown which highlighted several individuals involved in delivery of online courses. It was noted that some impediments to developing EUP courses include intimidating technology and faculty having to travel to the regional centers.

Committee member Barbara Liggett, who is director of the School of Public Affairs and Administration, indicated that EUP connects faculty with the community. Student evaluations note they appreciate faculty coming to them at the regional centers.

President Dunn commented that it is all about quality and value and how to get the best return for students. He noted the idea of being anchored to a university is a thing of the past and on-campus enrollment is losing to online courses.