

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Minutes of 3 April 2014**

The Faculty Senate met in the South Ballroom of the Bernhard Center. There were 51 Senators and substitutes present. **Absent:** O. Abudayyeh, M. Anderson, B. Applegate, S. Asefa, S. Ayers, L. Bierlein Palmer, C. Emerson, P. Farber, G. Flamme, J. Gilchrist, W. Gunter, W. Huang, T. Kent, G. Langworthy, D. Lemberg, R. Manley, H. Nibert, J. Pellerito, A. Rea, J. Ruhl, J. Schulman, B. Wagner, M. Wheeler. **Also present:** Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office; Gary Bischof, Interim Chair, Family and Consumer Sciences; Jody Brylinsky, Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness; Betty Dennis, Associate Dean, Extended University Programs; Hilary Kahn, Indiana University; Marilyn Kritzman, Undergraduate Studies Council and WMU-AAUP; Steve Malcolm, Biological Sciences; Nancy Mansberger, Director, Academic Collective Bargaining; Lisa Minnick, English, and President, WMU-AAUP; Tracey Quada, Director, Office of Military and Veterans Affairs; Cheryl Roland, Executive Director, University Relations; Gil Sinclair, Chair, and Gail Rouscher, Aviation Sciences; Fred Sitkins, Chair, WMU Athletic Board; Susan Stapleton, Dean, Graduate College; Bob Wertkin, Director, Interdisciplinary Health Programs; Tom Wolf, Chief Technology Officer, Office of Information Technology. Members of the International Education Council – Jim Butterfield, Political Science; Bob Dlouhy, Center for English Language and Culture for International Students; Ann Miles, Sociology; Wolfgang Schlör, Associate Provost, Haenicke Institute for Global Education.

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 seconded to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of 13 March Senate Meeting

The 13 March minutes were approved as published.

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

Senate President William Rantz reported on the following:

1. Since both were out of town when Rantz announced election results at the March Senate, he reintroduced C. Dennis Simpson as the Senate president-elect and Richard Gershon as the Senate vice president-elect. They assume their new roles on 15 May.
2. Two emails from the Senate Office will be forthcoming – one for a faculty vote on the amendments to the Senate constitution and bylaws that were approved by the Senate plus a survey for the Senate's Ad Hoc General Education Committee regarding the status of general education.
3. He will announce the results of the Senate's 2014 appraisal of the University president in his remarks at the 15 May Senate meeting.

Remarks by John Dunn, WMU President

President Dunn's remarks included the following:

- The president asked for a moment of silence for the WMU student that passed away recently.
- Lansing and Budget issues:
 - The budget recommended by the governor and Senate is more than the House supports but it hasn't been finalized yet.
 - Possible Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPSERS) reform for WMU has been recommended.
 - The governor has recommended WMU receive money to support its autism study
- WMU has signed a reverse transfer of credit agreement with 15 community colleges which allows transfer students to complete associate degrees at WMU and raises the educational profile of the State.
- Hoekje and Bigelow dorms have been torn down and the replacement residential complex will be up in 2015.
- Completion of the School of Medicine building is on schedule. The grand opening will be on Thursday, 18 September
- WMU was nominated and is a finalist for a campus climate award.
- WMU is committed to the goal of a 50% increase in the number of study abroad students over a five year period.
- Encouraged faculty attendance at Spring Commencement on Saturday, 26 April.
- The relationship with the Dominican Republic continues to grow in many disciplines across campus.

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

Provost Greene's remarks included the following:

- Searches:
 - Dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences – Five candidates on or headed to campus for interview
 - Associate dean of the Graduate College – Internal search with a deep pool.
- D2L grading issues should be resolved before final grades are due.
- Enrollment – Projections are looking better as transfer student enrollment is up. Master's and Ph.D. admissions are soft however.
- Academic Program Review and Planning – A summary of the Beta test will be announced at the 15 May Senate meeting.

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Athletic Board Yearly Report – Fred Sitkins, Chair, Athletic Board
<http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/3april2014.Athletic.Bd.report.pptx>

Fred Sitkins provided a Power Point presentation covering why WMU is a Division I school and the academic achievements, as well as the athletic achievements, of WMU's student athletes.

*Understanding Student Veterans – Tracey Quada, Director
Military and Veterans Affairs*

<http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/3april2014.military.veterans.pptx>

Tracey Quada provided an overview of the growth of student veterans at WMU and the University's success and national recognition in working with this population. She noted that a veteran's GI Bill benefits can be designated to his children.

Graduate College Update – Susan Stapleton, Dean, Graduate College

<http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/downloads/3april2014.graduate.college.update.pptx>

Susan Stapleton informed the Senate about numerous improvements that have been initiated (or are upcoming) in the Graduate College to better serve our graduate students. A graduate student teaching institute offering professional development in assessing teaching practices will be held 14-18 July. She also reported that a new distribution model for graduate assistantships will be used starting in fall 2014 when tuition is centralized within the Graduate College.

Stapleton invited Jody Ward, associate director of admissions operations, to report on the new application process – ApplyYourself – which the Graduate College is working towards implementing.

Internationalizing the Curriculum – Hilary Kahn, Indiana University

Rantz invited Wolfgang Schlör, associate provost, Haenicke Institute for Global Education, to introduce Hilary Kahn. She provided an overview of discussions on diverse global issues that she will be leading on Friday, 4 April as the guest speaker at the International Education Council's forum on Internationalization of the Curriculum.

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC CONCERNS

Stephen Malcolm, biological sciences, inquired why the University wouldn't allow a student group to invite social activist Boots Riley to speak on campus unless they paid for an undercover policeman to attend the event. The student group did not have the money for that additional expense and had assumed that response suggested their speaker might incite a scene on campus.

Vice President Jan Van Der Kley responded the policy was actually implemented to protect speakers that were invited to campus. Malcolm suggested that had the students been informed of that, it would have prevented their misunderstanding. Van Der Kley agreed there was a lapse in communicating that to the students and the reason behind the policy would be shared with student groups in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

Senate President Rantz adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Janice Anderson and Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office