

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
Minutes of 2 October 2014**

The Faculty Senate met in Rooms 208-209 of the Bernhard Center. There were 60 Senators and substitutes present. **Absent:** J. Butterfield, P. Ciccantell, C. Crotchett, J. Dunn, C. Emerson, P. Farber, T. Greene, M. Konate, G. Mathews, J. D. Nelson, J. Oh, W. Sauck, K. Smith, M. Villarreal, R. Wall Emerson, M. Wheeler. **Also present:** Andrea Beach, Director, and Jan Gabel-Goes, Associate Director, Office of Faculty Development; Jody Brylinsky, Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness; Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office; Tarun Gupta, Industrial and Entrepreneurial Engineering and Engineering Management; Keith Hearit, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Ming Li, Dean, College of Education and Human Development; Andy Murray, Head Coach, WMU Hockey; Suzie Nagel, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs; Michael Nassaney, Anthropology; Carolyn Noack, Office for Sustainability; David Reinhold, Associate Provost for Assessment and Undergraduate Studies; Wolfgang Schlör, Associate Provost, Diether H. Haenicke Institute for Global Education; Susan Stapleton, Dean, and Christine Byrd-Jacobs, Associate Dean, Graduate College; Peter Strazdas, Associate Vice President, Facilities Management; Abby Wallace, President, Western Student Association; Tom Wolf, Chief Technology Officer, and Steve Kettner, Media Services, Office of Information Technology.

Faculty Senate President C. Dennis Simpson called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. He encouraged everyone to sign in on either the member or guest sheet, and indicated to Senators that attendance is monitored.

**PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

*Acceptance of the Agenda*

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

*Approval of Minutes of 15 May 2014 Senate Meeting*

The 15 May minutes were approved as published.

*Faculty Senate Executive Board Report – C. Dennis Simpson,  
Faculty Senate President*

Senate President Simpson's report included the following:

- He welcomed senators back for another year and thanked them for their service to the University.
- Neither President John Dunn nor Provost Tim Greene is able to join us this evening, as they are both out of town.
- He introduced new members since the last meeting:
  - New directors to the Senate Executive Board
    - John Jellies, Biological Sciences
    - Bret Wagner, Management

- New representatives-at-large –
  - Raja Aravamathan, Chemical and Paper Engineering
  - Kieran Fogarty, Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, who is also the new chair of the Campus Planning and Finance Council
- Other new council chairs –
  - Jim Butterfield, International Education Council
  - Paul Ciccantell, Research Policies Council
  - Marilyn Kritzman, Undergraduate Studies Council
- New departmental senators –
  - Stephanie Burns, Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology
  - Whitney Moncrief, Dance
  - Lisa Minnick, English
  - Carla Chase, Occupational Therapy
  - Antonio Isea, Spanish
- As in the past, when an active faculty member passes away, a departmental representative is invited to provide a brief remembrance. In recognizing the loss of Carolyn Harris, professor of Spanish, on 20 September, her department chair, Irma Lopez, was invited to the podium and shared some memories of Dr. Harris, both personal and professional.
- Acting on behalf of the Senate, the Executive Board sent to the provost MOA-14/04 Addition of Language to the General Principles of Curriculum Change Policy. This change clarifies documented support required for multi-unit/multi-college curriculum proposals.
- Janice Anderson, who served as the Faculty Senate Administrator for the last 9½ years, retired on 30 September. The Executive Board is in the process of filling that position.
- Senate Executive Board Director Alan Rea has been working on the online curriculum review process, currently in the beta testing stage. The online process will expedite proposals and provide tracking of the status of proposals.
- The Senate will soon initiate an Ad Hoc Committee on Plagiarism.
- The Senate's Ad Hoc Committee on General Education has been meeting for the last 1½ years, looking at revising the existing general education program and is seeking input on what the new program should look like.

**INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

Jody Brylinsky gave a brief update on the Academic Program Review and Planning process and noted that the self-reviews were moving along faster than expected. She called for nominations of 30 visionary tenured faculty to serve on the Observation Committee, which will be working in the spring semester, from January through mid-March. Nominations are due to her office by Friday, 17 October.

*Faculty Senate Forum: The Western Difference:  
Four Innovators on Campus –  
Richard Gershon, Faculty Senate Vice President*

Senate Vice President Gershon began the forum by noting the four innovators invited to present this evening have proven to be real difference-makers in the design and operations of this campus, as well as student life. Gershon introduced the speakers prior to their PowerPoint presentations (linked below).

*Peter Strazdas, Associate Vice President, Facilities Management  
[Energy Management and Sustainability](#)*

Strazdas focused on the growth of the campus in the last 90 years and energy usage and costs. He discussed Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System developed by the United States Green Building Council. Strazdas also addressed renewable energy sources being used on campus, which include solar and geothermal energy.

*Diane Anderson, Vice President for Student Affairs  
[Making a Difference in Residence Life on Campus](#)*

Anderson discussed an integrated housing and dining initiative featuring new and renovated facilities to encourage student connection. She also talked about developing a residential neighborhood concept into the campus culture.

*Andy Murray, Head Coach, WMU Hockey  
[WMU Hockey and Sports on Campus](#)*

Murray discussed the role the hockey program plays in recruitment and development of students. The program recruits quality people, is a marketing arm for WMU with its national profile, places priority on academics, and recognizes the importance of community service.

*Thomas Wolf, Chief Technology Officer, Office of Information Technology  
[The OIT – Faculty Technology Partnership](#)*

Wolf talked about faculty technology partnerships and opportunities for collaboration. He cited a recent example of a partnership of Extended University Programs, the Office of Faculty Development, and the Office of Information Technology regarding teaching and learning resources. He demonstrated the Layar App, an augmented reality platform.

*Panel Discussion Led by Richard Gershon*

Strazdas noted WMU's commitment to the LEED certification, continually striving to be as sustainable as possible. Anderson commented that as we build new residential housing, there are specialized needs such as Seita Scholars and international students who require year-round housing and the interest of graduate students for specified housing. Wolf noted that privacy and security were on-going issues to continually keep updated.

## **PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC CONCERNS**

Senator Chase inquired why students lose library access after graduation. Vice Provost Gilchrist responded that it was an issue of licensing costs.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Senate will meet next on November 6 in the same location.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office