

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
Minutes of 4 December 2014**

The Faculty Senate met in Rooms 208-210 of the Bernhard Center. There were 56 Senators and substitutes present. **Absent:** D. Areaux, J. Berkow, L. Bierlein Palmer, M. Braun, J. Butterfield, P. Ciccantell, W. DeCamp, J. Dunn, P. Farber, M. Konate, G. Mathews, J. Oh, S. Rao, D. Schuster, R. Spates, A. Venter, M. Villarreal, U. Wagle, B. Wagner, D. Walcott, R. Wall Emerson, G. Whitehurst. **Also present:** Jody Brylinsky, Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness; Barbara Cockrell, Associate Dean, Libraries; Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office; Keith Hearit, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Carla Koretsky, Dean, Lee Honors College; Ming Li, Dean, College of Education and Human Development; Nancy Mansberger, Director, Academic Collective Bargaining; Alicia Van Ee, Sociology; Abby Wallace, President, and Connor Smith, Vice President, Western Student Association; Tom Wolf, Chief Technology Officer, and Adam Newsted, Project Manager, Office of Information Technology.

Faculty Senate President C. Dennis Simpson called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. He encouraged all to sign in and reminded Senators attendance is monitored.

**PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

*Acceptance of the Agenda*

A motion was made by Senator Heun to accept the agenda, supported by Senator Carlson. Motion carried.

*Approval of Minutes of 6 November 2014 Senate Meeting*

The 6 November 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 the president and vice president of the Western Student Association, Abby Wallace and Connor Smith.
- President John Dunn is in Washington, D.C., as an invited participant in the College Opportunity Day of Action.
- He announced there is a new Senator, Michael Braun, from Spanish.
- Email notification will be sent for the 2015 general election which begins in January for representatives-at-large and departmental senators. The email will include the timeline for the elections and information on the streamlined process for representatives-at-large, which requires only self-nominations rather than petitions.
- Departments will be contacted soon for nominations for the upcoming Presidential Scholars Convocation, which will be due in mid-January.

- The electronic curriculum review process is on-going.
- The Ad Hoc Honorary Degree Committee, chaired by Past Senate President William Rantz, is working to streamline the existing policy.
- The Ad Hoc Plagiarism Committee has been established and will hold its first meeting in January.

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

Provost Greene's remarks included the following:

- The summit that President Dunn is attending is aimed on expanding access to college for low-income and disadvantaged students. Specifically, he will focus on preparing high school counselors to help students prepare and apply for college and will discuss groundbreaking coursework at WMU in Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology.
- Two searches are underway: 1) dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, and 2) director of admissions.
- On November 24, an official from the U.S. Green Building Council will be on campus for the designation of five WMU buildings as certified through LEED--Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

**INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

Jody Brylinsky gave an update on the Academic Program Review and Planning process. Chairs submit department self-studies by 17 December. The work is ongoing, collaborative, and she is already seeing outcomes in process. The Observation Committee, chaired by Mary L. Anderson, will work through January and February. She thanked those who have participated.

*Information Update on New Policy on Centers and Institutes – Suzan Ayers*

Suzan Ayers, a Senate Executive Board director, from Human Performance and Health Education, provided an update on the new Policy on Centers and Institutes. She explained the distinction between a center and an institute, noting an institute is degree-granting. The types of centers are: university, college, department and grant. There is an annual report and review, as well as periodic program reviews once every five years.

*Raise Your Voice Series – Carla Koretsky, Dean, Lee Honors College*

Carla Koretsky introduced the Raise Your Voice series, a movement to introduce WMU and the Kalamazoo community to nationally known artists, activists, writers, and scholars actively working to end hostility and violence against women. She asked for engagement of faculty, staff and students in promoting and attending the upcoming events in 2015.

*20 March 2015 Racial Healing Symposium – Carla Koretsky*

Carla Koretsky announced the Racial Healing Symposium, sponsored by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The goals of the racial healing grant are: (1) Deepen the commitment to diversity, inclusion and racial healing within the WMU campus community; (2) Address health disparities and equity in communities of west Michigan; and (3) Expand WMU's role as a community leader in support of academic readiness and success from early childhood through college graduation, particularly among racially diverse, underserved communities. The 20 March 2015 symposium will include oral sessions to highlight work completed to date and contribution of posters from those doing work related to these goals.

*Google Apps for Educators*

Adam Newsted, Project Manager from the Office of Information Technology, and Alan Rea, Senate Executive Board director from Business Information Systems, introduced Google Apps for Education, a web-based, real-time collaboration across multiple devices with document editing, sharing, unlimited file storage and more.

Some of the features include:

- Drive – unlimited cloud storage, Google documents, slides, and spreadsheet, real-time collaboration/co-authoring, quick and easy file sharing (could be used for lecture slides and notes, team collaboration)
- Hangouts – web conferencing with video, audio and chat (could be used for office hours, quick chats and team meetings)
- Sites – Web-based website creation with browser-based editing.

The Bronco NetID will be used to access these features and faculty training will begin in January.

**PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC CONCERNS**

Senator Petrovic inquired about the results of the recent appraisal of the president, and Senate President Simpson noted that could be viewed by appointment in the Faculty Senate Office.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Senate will meet next on February 5 in this same location.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office