

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD
Minutes of 26 June 2015**

Members Present: Osama Abudayyeh, Suzan Ayers, Richard Gershon, John Jellies, Alan Rea, C. Dennis Simpson

Members Absent: Matthew Mingus, William Rantz, Bret Wagner, Delores Walcott

Guests: Kieran Fogarty, College of Health and Human Services

Staff: Sue Brodasky

Faculty Senate President C. Dennis Simpson called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. Introductions were made.

ACTION / INFORMATION ITEMS

Campus Planning and Finance Council: Budget Report Update – Kieran Fogarty
Fogarty provided an overview of the formation and work of the sub-committee. He recently met with Provost Tim Greene and Vice Provost Jim Gilchrist regarding the theme of the report, and the possibilities of moving to an incentive based budget model. Even though it would be a significant culture shift for the University it is the common direction of change for universities. The next step will be to develop principle guidelines, and it should be incorporated into the University Strategic Plan. It is anticipated to be a five-year process and will need a committee constructed of faculty and administration. The makeup of the committee was discussed and it was determined it should be six faculty members and four administrative members. It was also determined that the committee be formed as a standing committee of the Campus Planning and Finance Council. It was suggested that the Budget Report be distributed via email to all faculty. Fogarty was asked to draft an introduction to that email. Fogarty and Rea were asked to submit faculty names for recommendation to serve on the committee. The drafting of charges for the committee are to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Acceptance of the Agenda

A motion was made by Ayers, supported by Jellies, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of the Faculty Senate Executive Board Minutes of 12 June

A motion was made by Ayers, seconded by Rea, to approve the minutes of 12 June. Motion carried.

Vice President's Updates – Richard Gershon

Gershon's comments included the following:

- University Strategic Plan: a new committee will be established.
- Posthumous Degree Policy: the provost asked to have the wording changed such that the final decision does not rest with the academic unit but rather that the academic unit makes the recommendation because the University is the one actually conferring the degree.
- Global Engagement Awards: The provost asked that they be awarded at a time other than the University convocation within the Fall semester.

- Academic Program Review and Planning: it is not anticipated that the senate will have a lot of responsibility regarding programs that are merging or being eliminated. Gershon was asked to meet with Associate Provost Jody Brylinsky in order to obtain the reports the Executive Board needs to respond to.

MOA-15/06: Military Credit for General Education Area VIII, Health and Well-Being

A motion was made by Rea, seconded by Ayers, to approve as submitted. Motion carried.

Centers and Institutes Update – Suzan Ayers

Ayers reviewed the feedback solicited from administration. It was questioned why the Faculty Senate would be tasked with reviewing the reports collected from centers and institutes. It was noted that the Faculty Senate created the criteria but review should be done by the administration. Discussion was held Ayers was asked to draft a response to the administration as such.

Ad Hoc Civility Committee – C. Dennis Simpson

Simpson reviewed the documentation submitted by Robert Wertkin. The large size of the committee was questioned. Amendments were made to the Purpose, Composition, and Methodology portions, with the Parameters being eliminated.

A motion was made by Jellies, seconded by Ayers, to approve as modified. Motion carried.

Partial Hardship Withdrawal – C. Dennis Simpson

Simpson has a meeting scheduled with Rob Eversole, chair of the Professional Concerns Committee, at which he will ask the committee to address the issue.

Graduate Faculty Review –

Ayers stated there was not an update at this time

Syllabus Statement Email – Sue Brodasky

The past year's email was distributed for review. Brodasky was asked to email all faculty an updated version of the prior message.

Faculty Senate and Executive Board 2015-16 Meeting Dates – Sue Brodasky
Proposed meeting dates were distributed. Discussion was held. Brodasky was asked to schedule a lecture hall in Sangren for the Faculty Senate Annual meeting on May 12. The March 11 Executive Board meeting was canceled and the December 18 meeting is tentative.

A motion was made by Rea, seconded by Abudayyeh, to approve the dates as amended. Motion carried.

President's Updates – C. Dennis Simpson

Simpson's comments included the following:

- Instructor and Course Evaluation System Report Response: the report will be forwarded to the Undergraduate Studies Council and the Graduate Studies Council to draft syllabus recommendation.
- Discussion was held regarding the invitation to the Board of Trustees to attend an Executive Board meeting. Jellies was asked to draft a statement of shared governance.
- He has declined the invitation for university Faculty Senate Presidents to participate in a discussion regarding university sports.

Other

The Executive Board will meet next on 10 July 2015. The president adjourned the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

Sue Brodasky, Faculty Senate Office

The following correspondences were provided to the Executive Board:

Agendas

- 18 June 2015, International Education Council
- 23 June 2015, Ad Hoc Plagiarism Committee

Correspondence

- 15 June 2015, Dr. Lisa DeChano-Cook, Presidential Appointment to the WMU Athletic Advisory Board
- 29 May 2015, International Education Council Year-End Report
- 17 June 2015, Tenure and Promotion Acknowledgement Email to Faculty on behalf of the Faculty Senate