

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD
Minutes of 10 July 2015**

Members Present: Osama Abudayyeh, Suzan Ayers, John Jellies, William Rantz, Alan Rea, C. Dennis Simpson, Bret Wagner, Delores Walcott

Members Absent: Richard Gershon, Matthew Mingus

Staff: Sue Brodasky

Faculty Senate President C. Dennis Simpson called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

ACTION / INFORMATION ITEMS

Acceptance of the Agenda

An amendment was made to add Honorary Degree Policy discussion to the agenda.

A motion was made by Jellies, supported by Rea, to accept the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of the Faculty Senate Executive Board Minutes of 26 June

A motion was made by Rea, seconded by Rantz, to approve the minutes of 26 June. Motion carried.

MOA-15/07: Transfer Students and 60 Credit Hour Minimum

A motion was made by Jellies, seconded by Rantz, to submit the revised Memorandum Of Action to Undergraduate Studies Council for approval. Motion carried.

MOA-15/03: Creation of a University-Wide Faculty Award for Global Engagement – Bret Wagner

MOA-15/04: Adoption of University-Wide Global Learning Outcomes – Bret Wagner

Simpson reviewed the suggestions of the Executive Board that were provided to Jim Butterfield, chair of the International Education Council. He noted that there will be an additional convocation ceremony at the beginning of the spring semester, at which this award will be announced. Wagner was asked to work with Butterfield about incorporating the Executive Board's suggestions. Wagner has contacted Butterfield to schedule a meeting.

With no other information these items were postponed until the next meeting.

MOA Hardship Withdrawal Appeal Form – Bret Wagner

Discussion was held regarding the partial withdrawal issue in comparison to the major change withdrawal as proposed by Wagner. It was suggested to invite Rob Eversole, chair of the Professional Concerns Committee and the ombudsman to a future meeting.

On-line Course Change Process – Bret Wagner

Bret provided an update on the process and pilot timeframe

Shared Governance Statement – John Jellies

Jellies provided a handout for review and discussion at the next meeting. Simpson noted that the members of the Board of Trustees have been invited to attend an Executive Board meeting. Discussion was held.

Honorary Degree Policy - Rantz

Simpson asked that the committee be reconvened to address the suggestions of Administration. Discussion was held.

Centers and Institutes Update – Suzan Ayers

After Ayers had drafted a response to the administration feedback, it was noted that MOA-14/03 states that the Faculty Senate Executive Board will facilitate the review. It is interpreted that facilitation does not mean conducting the review. A committee will review the reports and will be made up of the members of centers and institutes, an Office of the Vice President for Research representative, and Faculty Senate members. It is anticipated that the Faculty Senate representatives will be Research Policy Council members. Abudayyeh was asked to consult with the RPC chair to designate who will serve.

Graduate Faculty Review – Suzan Ayers

There has not been any further action or discussion of this topic. Therefore, it will not be on any further agendas until such time it is again requested.

Campus Planning and Finance Council – Budget Sub-Committee Charges

It was noted that the executive director of University Budgets will be a sub-committee member and that Bret Wagner will be the Executive Board representative. Simpson will draft charges to be reviewed at the next meeting.

President's Updates – C. Dennis Simpson

Simpson's comments included the following:

- Emeriti Representatives: letter announcing representatives was received. And it was noted that there needs to be a welcome to them at the first fall Faculty Senate meeting
- Meeting with Mark Wheeler: the research day committee is being formed and charges are yet to be determined. Ayers will serve as the Executive Board representative
- Meeting with President John Dunn:
 - Named engineering building for Dr. Elson Floyd.
 - The ownership of the innovation center was transfer from Southwest Michigan first to WMed.
 - The president may attend the proposed meeting with the Executive Board and the BOT.

Vice President's Updates – Richard Gershon

In Gershon's absence Simpson reported the following:

- The provost endorsed the budget sub-committee.
- A forum on plagiarism was suggested.
- The provost is forming a new strategic planning committee so it was questioned if the Committee on University Strategic Planning should be disbanded.
- Academic Program Review and Planning: still waiting for provost reports, he noted he has not completed. Discussion was held.
- Gershon will be representing the Executive Board at a risk management meeting on August 11.

Other

A Plagiarism Memorandum of Action will be coming before the Executive Board after it is vetted by general counsel. Discussion was held.

The Executive Board will meet next on 24 July 2015. The president adjourned the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

Sue Brodasky, Faculty Senate Office

The following correspondence was provided to the Executive Board:

Correspondence

- Emeriti Representatives on Faculty Senate:
 - David Peterson, Paper Engineering, Chemical Engineering & Imaging; Co-Chair, Emeriti Council (2015-16)
 - Andrew Brogowicz, Marketing; Co-Chair, Emeriti Council (2015-17)
 - Peter Krawutschke, World Languages & Literatures (2015-17)