

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD
Minutes of 23 October 2015**

Members Present: Suzan Ayers, Richard Gershon, John Jellies, Matthew Mingus, William Rantz, Alan Rea, C. Dennis Simpson, Bret Wagner, Delores Walcott (joined by telephone)

Member Absent: Osama Abudayyeh

Staff: Sue Brodasky

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

ACTION ITEMS

Acceptance of the Agenda

A motion was made by Ayers, supported by Rantz, to amend the agenda and table item 15 Application of Indications and Contraindications until the next meeting date. Motion carried.

Approval of the Faculty Senate Executive Board Minutes of 9 October

A motion was made by Rantz, seconded by Gershon, to approve the minutes of 9 October. Motion carried.

Acceptance of the 28 October Council Chair Luncheon Agenda

Jellies suggested that it be mentioned at the meeting that the Executive Board ex officio member on the councils/committees serves in place of the Faculty Senate President. Simpson requested that *The American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedures* be provided for each chair, along with a copy of the Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws. Any chair that is unable to attend should send the vice chair or another representative.

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

Approval of the Faculty Senate Minutes of 1 October

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

Acceptance of the 5 November Faculty Senate Agenda

Gershon has arranged for Allison Walker a graduate of fine arts who produced the art work for Kannley Chapel to be the Bronco Showcase at the November meeting. Wagner confirmed that he will provide the electronic curriculum presentation in December.

A motion was made by Ayers, supported by Rea, to accept the agenda pending decisions reached at this meeting for items listed at tentative. Motion carried.

Proposed 3 November Administration Dinner Agenda

Topics were suggested and will be provided to the administration

A motion was made by Ayers, supported by Rea, to accept the agenda with additions indicated. Motion carried.

MOA-15/03: Global Engagement Award

Simpson provided an overview of the International Education Council meeting that he had attended, which covered concerns of the Executive Board regarding this Memorandum Of Action. Jellies expressed on-going concern that the award is being proposed to compliment the four distinguished faculty awards. Discussion was held at length regarding the role of the Executive Board in supporting and/or approving proposed awards.

A motion was made by Mingus, seconded by Ayers, to support the MOA as provided. One in favor, two abstentions, six against, motion failed.

A motion was made by Mingus, seconded by Ayers, to place the MOA on the 5 November Faculty Senate agenda. Seven in favor, two abstentions, motion carried.

MOA-15/04: Global Learning Outcomes

Discussion was held regarding recommendations of the MOA.

A motion was made by Jellies, seconded by Gershon, to approve the MOA as provided. Eight in favor, one abstention, motion carried.

A motion was made by Ayers, seconded by Rantz, to place the MOA on the 5 November Faculty Senate agenda. Eight in favor, one abstention, motion carried.

MOA-15/09: Internationalization Initiative

Simpson asked to have the MOA referred to the Research Policies Council, Undergraduate Studies Council, and the Graduate Studies Council for review and input.

A motion was made by Jellies, seconded by Ayers, to receive the MOA and refer to RPC, USC, and GSC to expedite review at their November meetings and report back to the Executive Board. Motion carried.

Executive Session

At approximately 12:15 p.m. a motion was made by Jellies, seconded by Rantz, to go into executive session. Motion carried.

At approximately 12:45 p.m. a motion was made by Jellies, seconded by Ayers, to come out of executive session. Motion carried.

At 12:46 p.m. Simpson appointed Vice President Gershon as chair of the meeting in his absence for the remainder of the meeting.

[CAS 15-124] ENVS: Change the name and organizational structure of unit from "Environmental and Sustainability Studies Program" to "School of Environment and Sustainability"

A motion was made by Wagner, seconded by Jellies, to reconsider for approval.

Discussion was held regarding concerns of the proposed designation of school. Examples were provided for borrowed faculty and joint appointments of faculty. Resources become divided and affect home departments negatively through the interdisciplinary structure.

A motion was made by Rantz, seconded by Ayers, to approve as submitted. One abstention, eight against, motion failed.

Syllabus Statements

A motion was made by Ayers, seconded by Rea, to postpone this topic to the next meeting. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Other

The Executive Board will meet next on 6 November 2015. The vice president adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Sue Brodasky, Faculty Senate Administrator