

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
Minutes of 3 December 2015**

The Faculty Senate met in Rooms 208-209 of the Bernhard Center. There were 64 Senators and substitutes present.

**Members Present:** O. Abudayyeh, D. Anderson, R. Aravamuthan, D. Areaux, S. Asefa, S. Ayers, K. Baldner, C. Biggs, P. Blickle, A. Brogowicz, S. Burns, S. Carlson, C. Chase, C. Crotchett, H. Dooley, J. Dunn, N. Eckerson, K. Ehrhardt, G. Flamme, K. Fogarty, D. Foskey, B. Geier, R. Gershon, T. Greene, T. Gupta, J. Hahn, D. Hains, L. Heun, Susan Hoffmann (for K. Corder), W. Huang, P. Ikononov, A. Isea, J. Jellies, D. Johnson, Karen Kness (for K. Prewitt), T. Koshmanova, P. Krawutschke, C. R. Krishna-Swamy, M. Lagerwey, Barbara Liggett (for U. Wagle), W. Liou, Michelle Machicek (for J. Eng), G. Mathews, L. Minnick, W. Moncrief, D. Pence, D. Peterson, J. Petrovic, W. Rantz, A. Rea, David Rudge (for D. Karowe), J. Ruhl, D. Schuster, R. Siebert, C. D. Simpson, S. Slawinski, J. Smith, C. Spates, J. Thakurta, C. Tremblay, G. Veeck, B. Wagner, G. Whitehurst, B. Young

**Members Absent:** J. Butterfield, P. Ciccantell, A. Curtis, B. Ferrin, J. Gilchrist, J. Kapenga, M. Konate, M. Kritzman, G. Langworthy, M. Mingus, J. Mueller, D. Nofsinger, J. Oh, E. Phillips, J. Van Der Kley, A. Venter, D. Walcott, R. Wall Emerson

**Guests:** James Hettinger, Chairman, WMU Board of Trustees and Jutta Hettinger; Kelly Ackerson, Nursing; Kathy Beauregard, Director of Athletics; Jody Brylinsky, Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness; Steve Butt, Chair, Engineering Design, Manufacturing and Management Systems, and Industrial and Entrepreneurial Engineering and Engineering Management; Barbara Cockrell, Associate Dean, University Libraries; Tracy DeMars, Teaching, Learning and Educational Studies; Rob Eversole, Chair, Professional Concerns Committee; Jan Gabel-Goes, Associate Director, Office of Faculty Development; Keith Hearit, Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Carla Koretsky, Dean, Lee Honors College; Amaury Pineda, Vice President, Graduate Student Association; David Reinhold, Associate Provost for Assessment and Undergraduate Studies; Greg Rosine, Vice President for Government Affairs and University Relations; Connor Smith, President, Thye Fischman, Vice President, and Taylor Hall, Western Student Association; Alicia Van Ee, guest of Rudolf Siebert; Bob Wertkin, Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Civility; Tom Wolf, Chief Technology Officer, Office of Information Technology; Members of the Ad Hoc General Education Committee: Linda Dove, Duane Hampton, Dan Jacobson, Molly Lynde-Recchia, Dave Paul, Dianna Sachs, Carol Weideman  
**Staff:** S. Brodasky, S. Davenport

Faculty Senate President C. Dennis Simpson called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. He welcomed Board of Trustees Chair James Hettinger and his wife, Jutta. Simpson encouraged everyone to sign-in and noted that attendance is monitored. He asked that everyone identify themselves prior to making a motion or comment.

**PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

*Acceptance of the Agenda*

A motion was made by Pence, supported by Asefa, to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

*Approval of Minutes of 5 November 2015 Senate Meeting*

Without objection, the minutes of the 5 November meeting were approved as published.

*Fred Sitkins Memorial – Kathy Beauregard, Director of Athletics*

A memorial was provided for Fred Sitkins, who recently passed away. He was a professor emeritus of Engineering Design, Manufacturing and Management Systems, and was also the former chair of the WMU Athletic Board. Simpson recalled his first interaction with Fred Sitkins. Beauregard gave remembrance of interactions with Sitkins and expressed his devotion to participation with Sunseeker as well as with student athletes. She acknowledged that WMU had been given a special gift of Fred Sitkins.

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

Senate President Simpson's report included the following:

- Support of the Faculty Senate through the annual faculty fee would be appreciated.
- The request for nominations of Presidential Scholars will be going out soon. Hopefully every department/school will have a scholar to be recognized.
- The Senate councils and committees are hard at work and it is anticipated that several Memoranda of Action will be forthcoming next semester, including University budget model, General Education revision, and international education.
- The Faculty Senate president and vice president nominating petitions are available at the back of the room, or by contacting the Senate office.
- As a reminder, guests are welcome to participate in discussions but not to vote or propose motions.

*Remarks by John Dunn, WMU President*

President Dunn's remarks included the following:

- The Bronco marching band will be performing at the halftime show for the Detroit Lions and Green Bay Packers game in Detroit this weekend.
- The United Way goal is 275 thousand and we are at 85% of our goal. If you have not had the opportunity to give yet, please do so.
- Commencement is December 19 with ceremonies at 9 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 4 p.m.
- The annual holiday party will be December 8. This year we will also be honoring Betty Kocher for her many years of services as the secretary to the Board of Trustees.
- The Board of Trustees also meets on December 8 with the formal session beginning at 11 a.m. in Bernhard room 157.

- The Association of Public and Land Grant Universities held its annual meeting recently. This year's presidents meeting was taken up with discussion of anonymous student threats using YikYak. There was a great presentation by actor Alan Alda regarding how to make science understood and more interesting to the public.
- Susan Stapleton, dean of the Graduate College, served as emcee for the 25-Year Club event, which included three members with 50 years of service, including Faculty Senator Rudolf Siebert.
- We are in conversations with Miller College located in Battle Creek adjacent to Kellogg Community College. Miller has been in existence for 10 years with approximately 200 students that WMU will be trying to help.
- Faculty Accolades:
  - Brian Wilson, comparative religion, has won a second award for his latest book: "Dr. John Harvey Kellogg and the Religion of Biologic Living." His book won an award from the Historical Society of Michigan in the University and Commercial Press category and earlier this fall it also won an Independent Publisher Book Award silver medal in the biography category.
  - Alex Enyedi, former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, has accepted a position as provost of Humboldt State University.
  - Kristina Wirtz, anthropology, received the 2015 Edward Sapir Book Prize from the Society for Linguistic Anthropology, for "Performing Afro-Cuba: Image, Voice, Spectacle in the Making of Race and History."
- Student Accolades:
  - Students in our heralded sales and business marketing program have again earned high honors at two recent national sales competitions, the National Sales Challenge and the State Farm Marketing and Sales Competition. Junior Matthew Milantoni earned the top award for speed selling; the second time a WMU student has earned that honor. Matthew also paired with Senior Melody Warner, for second place team honors. Senior Laura Bone and junior Sam Bell placed second overall as a team at the State Farm event.
- Next week, WMU will offer people in this region a very important opportunity to get insight into a critical issue we all need to understand and reflect upon. Renowned Middle East expert Dr. Juan Cole will discuss how misconceptions about Islam affect America's social and political climate at 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 9 in the Fetzer Center. This talk is part of the Department of Comparative Religion's Islam in Global Perspective speaker series.

*Remarks by Tim Greene, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*  
Provost Greene's remarks included the following:

- Dean of Libraries Search Update:
  - A celebration is being planned for Dean Joe Reish's 43 years of service.
  - Very close to announcing the new dean, who is expected to start in early March.

- Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Search Update: the search committee met at the end of November and meets again tomorrow.
- Associate Provost for Enrollment Management Search is set to start soon.
- Graduate Student Applications and Admittance: there is a need to complete admittance as soon as possible following applications and to bring those prospective students on campus.
- Undergraduate Enrollment: many tours were conducted, but now there were approximately 200 applications to process over Thanksgiving break.
- The Medallion Competition will be held in February.

L. Minnick, English, raised an American Association of University Professors concern regarding a Western News article on a new Instructor and Course Evaluation System pilot scheduled for spring semester. The provost noted the AAUP signed agreement for the ICES review committee which included the committee's recommendations. L. Minnick cited AAUP agreement articles pertaining to ICES. Simpson noted that the provost and Minnick would need to continue the discussion outside of this venue due to Senate restrictions pertaining to the AAUP agreement.

### ACTION ITEMS

*Memorandum of Action–15/01: Revised Program Dismissal Appeals Policy – Rob Eversole, Chair, Professional Concerns Committee*  
Eversole introduced the MOA, and noted the approval process. An explanation of changes made was provided, including the expedited readmission which was requested by the Graduate Dean.

D. Hampton, geosciences, questioned international student funding to which Eversole noted that this policy does not affect financial aid.

G. Veeck, geography, acknowledged the need for a fast track appeal for international students, but questioned not allowing an appeal of a grade that is due to academic integrity. Eversole noted that the policy only restricts appeal if the student is found responsible for academic integrity that resulted in a grade sanction, and not just a situation of an accusation against the student. It would have to be a student that is found responsible, not just an accusation of academic integrity violation.

P. Krawutschke noted that the title did not specify the "Graduate" Catalog.

M. Lagerwey, nursing, express concern that the MOA is specific to the graduate catalog as it was an instance of an undergraduate appeal that raised the issue which needed to be corrected. Eversole confirmed that a subsequent MOA would need to be developed for the Undergraduate Catalog.

A motion was made by Jellies, seconded by Asefa, to support MOA-15/01 with the amendment to correct the title to "Graduate Catalog." With one opposed, the motion carried.

## INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

### *Western Student Association Update – Connor Smith, President*

Smith, along with Thye Fischman and Taylor Hall, listed several accomplishments and awards, highlighted fall resolutions, and provided spring goals.

<https://cms.wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u370/2016/20151203-wsa.pdf>

### *Graduate Student Association Update – Amaury Pineda, Vice President*

Pineda provided updates on awards, activities, and funding of GSA. The GSA was recognized as the national association of the year.

Gershon asked how the award is determined. Pineda indicated that it was GSA led changes on campus, and that WMU had also won in 2003.

### *Strategic Plan Stakeholders Survey – Jody Brylinsky, Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness*

Brylinsky reported that 399 surveys have been completed thus far. To get more involved with the planning process, Brylinsky suggested that everyone complete the survey and take time to fill out the open comment sections in detail. The comments are anticipated to be the most important information gathered. The survey closes next Friday. Any questions may be directed to Brylinsky.

### *Progress Report of the Ad Hoc General Education Committee – Duane Hampton, Linda Dove, Dan Jacobson, Committee Members*

Simpson reported that the Ad Hoc General Education Committee has been at work for two years and it is expected that at the March Senate meeting it will be presenting an MOA for a revision to WMU's General Education program. Examples were provided showing how courses could be applied in General Education within the newly recommended grid.

<https://cms.wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u370/2016/20151203-gened.pdf>

C. Chase, Occupational Therapy, questioned the use of the grid such that students will be responsible for ensuring they cover all areas down and across the chart, which was confirmed.

S. Asfefa, Economics, and International Education Council, questioned what represented global engagement. It was explained that World Culture covers all areas other than the United States.

P. Ikonov, Engineering Design, Manufacturing and Management Systems, questioned if it will allow for quicker graduation. The point is not to develop new classes, but to use existing general education courses that are already within the student's plan of study area. The reduction in courses is represented by flattening the structure of Areas and Proficiencies.

S. Slawinski, English, asked how ENGL 1050 will be affected, and whether it is anticipated that it will specifically be required as part of the first year. It was confirmed that no classes are guaranteed nor will specific courses be required.

D. Peterson, emeritus, questioned if it will continue to be called General Education and suggested using "essential education." It will not be called general education.

K. Hearit, interim dean, College of Arts and Sciences, was unclear about the areas defined. The committee does not believe it is its role to finalize those, but rather continue to gather feedback from faculty.

Simpson noted that the Undergraduate Studies Council and the Committee to Oversee General Education have already been engaged in discussion of the proposed changes. He stated that there will be an update from the Ad Hoc General Education Committee at each Senate meeting for the rest of the academic year. He asked the Senators to take these messages to their department faculty meetings.

### *On-line Curriculum Change Process Update – Bret Wagner, Faculty Senate Executive Board Director*

Wagner presented the changes being made to move the proposals to an electronic process, starting with course changes.

<http://wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u370/2016/20151203-ElectronicCurriculumChangeProcess.pdf>

C. Chase, Occupational Therapy, questioned if the catalog could be published at times other than the fall semester. D. Reinhold noted that it is only based on registration for fall semester and cannot be altered.

D. Hampton asked when the new process will be active. Wagner explained that both the paper version and the electronic version will be accepted for spring semester but as of summer I only the electronic version will be available. Simpson reported that training sessions on the new process will be conducted on a college by college basis.

## PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC CONCERNS

None.

## ADJOURNMENT

The Senate will meet next on 4 February 2016, in Bernhard Center, room 208-209. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Sue Brodasky and Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office