

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD
Minutes of 22 April 2016**

Members Present: Osama Abudayyeh, Suzan Ayers, Richard Gershon, John Jellies, Matthew Mingus, William Rantz, C. Dennis Simpson, Bret Wagner, Delores Walcott

Member Absent: Alan Rea

Guests: Sharon Carlson, Associate Professor, University Libraries; Carla Chase, Associate Professor, Occupational Therapy; Marilyn Kritzman, Chair, Undergraduate Studies Council

Staff: Sue Brodasky

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

ACTION ITEMS

Acceptance of the Agenda

Ayers asked to postpone items B 8, 9, 13, 14 and 15 to the next meeting.

A motion was made by Wagner, seconded by Mingus, to accept the agenda as edited. Motion carried.

Approval of the Faculty Senate Executive Board Minutes of 8 April

Ayers noted that she had provided corrections via email.

A motion was made by Jellies, seconded by Ayers, to approve the minutes of 8 April as edited. Motion carried.

Council Membership Nominations – Simpson

Jellies questioned if nominations were necessary at the end of spring semester and suggested a rotational schedule filling seats throughout the academic year.

A motion was made by Jellies, seconded by Wagner, to approve the nominations as provided. Motion carried.

Memorandum of Action-16/08: Revise High School Dual Enrollees Policy – Kritzman
Kritzman reported there are currently 55 dual enrolled undergraduates and the goal of this MOA is to expand that to 1,500. USC had concerns that courses would be made easier to accommodate high school students; however, USC supported the MOA with acknowledgement that courses would remain the same. Jellies questioned if it had been addressed that high school students may be exposed to adult content. Kritzman stated that USC reviewed the current policy compared to proposed policy which does not address that issue. Kritzman confirmed policy and best practices exist for minors on campus, but not specifically for dual enrollees. Abudayyeh questioned if the 2.75 GPA is too low. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Mingus, seconded by Wagner, for MOA-16/08 to go to the Senate at the May meeting with support of the Executive Board. With four in support and three against, the motion carried.

Acceptance of the Faculty Senate Agenda – 12 May 2016

Ayers stated Jayne Fraley-Burgett, Director of Disability Services for Students, has been invited to present at the second meeting of May 12.

A motion was made by Jellies, seconded by Walcott, to accept the agenda as edited. Motion carried.

Approval of the Faculty Senate Minutes of 7 April 2016

A motion was made by Mingus, seconded by Ayers, to approve the minutes of 7 April as provided. With one abstention, the motion carried.

DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS

Agenda for Administration Dinner – 10 May 2016

The topics of General Education Revision, follow-up on MOA-15/03: Global Engagement Award, and the Subcommittee to Assess Incentive-Based Budget Models Report will be supplied to the administration for the May 10 agenda.

President and Provost Appraisal Results – Simpson

Simpson and Ayers attended the Board of Trustees meeting to discuss the president's appraisal. The provost's appraisal was completed and delivered.

At approximately 11:40 a.m. a motion was made by Jellies, seconded by Ayers, to go into executive session. Motion carried.

At approximately 11:50 a.m. a motion was made by Jellies, seconded by Ayers, to come out of executive session. Motion carried.

Committee Report

Professional Concerns Committee: Jellies reported that the proposal brought by Wagner regarding grade forgiveness to adjust GPA's of students transferring from one program to another was discussed. Registrar Carrie Cumming, General Counsel Carol Hustoles, and Associate Provost Dave Reinhold were invited for the conversation. The committee decided to request Wagner return to the first fall meeting to present a report addressing the suggestions raised. The USC language suggested as edits to MOA-16/03 were reviewed. The MOA was forwarded to the General Counsel's office for comment.

General Education Revision – Ayers

Ayers framed the discussion for the exploration of charges for the proposed ad hoc committee and its expected timeline. The ad hoc committee will be enabled to create subcommittees as needed. The EB liaison will be Rantz.

President's Update – Simpson

Simpson thanked each of the EB members for their service and support over the past two years. He noted this administration had completed 25 MOAs.

OTHER

[FYE] 2200: Direct Encounter with Kalamazoo

A request for an exception to the Curriculum Change policy March deadline was requested by Associate Provost Christopher Tremblay. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Jellies, seconded by Rantz, to send the proposal to USC at its next meeting. With four in support, one against, and two abstentions, the motion carried.

The Executive Board will meet next on 13 May 2016. The president adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Sue Brodasky, Faculty Senate Administrator