

Unit Communication Notes
Faculty Senate Meeting
October 6, 2016

Memorial for Dr. James Croteau, Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology (Dr. Joe Morris)

Senate Executive Board Report (Suzan Ayers, Faculty Senate President)

-Death of Professor Emerita Mary Cain from Education and Professional Development. Dr. Cain was a Senator as well as Senate VP 1983-91, served on our Undergraduate Studies Council and was President of the AAUP.

-Death of staff member Margaret Watson. Ms. Watson started at the University Libraries in 1981 and was serving as a consultant for the Office of Information Technology since 2004.

-Administrative appointments:

- A) Associate Provost for Enrollment Management, Dr. Terry Curran
- B) Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations, Mr. Timothy Terrentine
- C) Director of the Office of Pre-College Programs, Dr. Erika Carr

-Searches:

- A) Lee Honors College Dean
- B) Associate Vice President for Research
- C) WMU President

-Preferred Name policy

-E-mail migration to be completed by Oct. 16

-Electronic curriculum change proposal process in the pilot phase; forms on Senate website under Policies menu item then Curriculum Change link.

-Faculty fee request coming soon; \$20

- Broncos FIRST: 2016 Student Success Summit, Wednesday, October 19

Remarks by John Dunn, WMU President

-American Council of Education College President's meeting in Washington, DC. Key topic of interest was the conversation about freedom of expression on college campuses. Dr. Dunn cited this study (<http://www.knightfoundation.org/articles/lets-talk-about-free-speech>), about which he noted the group failed to move the conversation around forward in any substantive way.

-Enrollment is down 1.3% this fall, but appears not to impact budget as much as anticipated

-We had an improved yield rate this fall

-Our first-year to second-year retention rate is quickly approaching our targeted 80%

-This year's first-year class had more females than males

-Athletics

- A) WMU has 16 Division I sports, of which 10 are women's sports (for Title IX balance)
- B) WMU participates in two conferences, the MAC (since 1948) and NCHC (hockey)
- C) total athletics expenditures for 2015 were \$27.5m, of which \$24m comes from the general fund; this is split into (in)direct support
- D) Direct support (\$19m) includes \$9.9m in scholarships, which WMU gives to athletics, then athletics gives right back
- E) Indirect support (\$5.3m) includes things like facilities management, accounting services, information technology, security, utilities, and debt service on athletics facilities
- F) Moving down to Division II is impractical due to loss of monies from NCAA (~\$1.5m) and the MAC as well as reduced ticket revenue and donations. The upside to such a move could be fewer scholarships and less spending on facilities management (which would not be realized for several years) and debt services (we have the structures, so they need to be paid for).

ACTION ITEMS

MOA-16/09: Repeating a WMU Course for Credit in Study Abroad (Bret Wagner, International Education Council) **APPROVED**

MOA-16/10: Revise Graduate Catalog Admission Requirements to a Specialist Programs (Louann Bierlein Palmer, Chair, Graduate Studies Council) **APPROVED**

MOA-16/13: Revise Undergraduate Catalog Non-Degree Certificate Programs (Marilyn Kritzman, Chair, Undergraduate Studies Council) **APPROVED**

Note: Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness, Dr. Jody Brylinksy commented there may be a concern about Higher Learning Commission (HLC) violations here and will review this when the MOA gets to the Provost's office for approval

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Ad Hoc General Education Design Committee (Mervyn Elliott, Chair)

-Charged to recommend a curriculum model and new name to the Senate for approval

-Committee roster shared:

Mervyn Elliott, Chair

Molly Lynde-Recchia, Vice Chair

Dave Reinhold, Administrative Representative

Bill Rantz, Executive Board liaison

Dan Jacobsen, Music

Kevin Knutson, CAS Advising

Staci Perryman-Clark, English

Elke Schoffers, Chemistry

Sarah Summy, Special Education and Literacy Studies

Kristina Wirtz, Spanish

-Group had a one-half day retreat mid-September and has been meeting weekly since then

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting date: Thursday, 3 November 2016, Bernhard Center, Room 208-210

Academic Affairs Strategic Plan forum followed Senate meeting