

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE**

**PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes of 20 September 2017  
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center**

**Members Present:** Kelly Ackerson, Rob Eversole, Melissa Intindola, Valerian Kwigizile, Nora Lewis, Cindy Linn

**Members Absent:** John Miller, Marcel Zondag

**Ex Officio Member Absent:** John Jellies

**Advisory Member Present:** Nicole Albee, Director, Office of Student Conduct

**Advisory Member Absent:** Kathy Mitchell, Ombudsman

**Guest:** Joe Erskine, Coordinator, Office of Student Conduct

**Staff:** Suzanne Davenport

The meeting was called to order by Chair Eversole at 12:35 p.m.

**PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

*Acceptance of the Agenda*

The agenda was accepted as presented.

*Approval of 19 April 2017 Minutes*

The minutes of the 19 April 2017 meeting were approved as written.

*Chairs Remarks – Eversole*

Eversole's comments covered:

- Welcome and introductions were made.
- Ex Officio member John Jellies is looking into the issue of policies and procedures regarding academic integrity and their location on the Web.
- No new charges have come forward to the committee to address.
- MOA-15/01: Revised Graduate Program Dismissal Appeals Policy and MOA-16/03: Revised Undergraduate Program Dismissal Appeals Policy were approved by Provost Tim Greene.

**ACTION / INFORMATION ITEMS**

*Academic Integrity Committee Membership Research*

Eversole discussed the material prepared by Sue Brodasky, Faculty Senate Administrator regarding member participation on the Academic Integrity Committee from 2012 to 2016. He noted that in 2016 there was a larger number of participants and a more diverse group in the AIC hearing panels than in previous years. Allbee introduced Joe Erskine, newly hired coordinator in the Office of Student Conduct. With this additional staff member, the office will be able to enhance its efforts in recruitment and training of members. On September 28 and 29, training will be held for new members for AIC. Allbee commented that several of those selected by their departments to serve, whether faculty or students, never come to training and some who do are never available to serve on a hearing panel.

Allbee indicated that the number of cases are growing, as fewer students are accepting responsibility for plagiarism, which involves more panels being formed. Also, fewer faculty want to engage students in the panels. Allbee noted that now, with the addition of Erskine to her staff, there are more opportunities to speak to faculty groups, whether at departmental or college meetings, and student groups, as requested. It was suggested that perhaps there could be an incentive for student participation on AIC.

**OTHER**

Eversole noted that at an upcoming meeting, he anticipates discussing the policies Jellies has been researching, with the possibility of consolidating them on the Web to make them more easily accessible.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m. by Chair Eversole.

Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Administrative Assistant II