

**WESTERN MICHIGAN
UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE**

**CENTERS & INSTITUTES COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of 13 March 2018
Bernhard Center – Room Faculty
Lounge**

Members Present: Sisay Asefa, Charles Henderson, John Kapenga, Stephen Magura, David Rudge, Carol Sundberg, Steve Ziebarth

Members Absent: Massood Atashbar, Randy Ott

Ex Officio Member Present: Osama Abudayyeh

Advisory Member Absent: Jody Brylinsky, Sherine Obare

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Charles Henderson at 1 p.m.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Acceptance of the Agenda

A motion was made Asefa, seconded by Abudayyeh, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of 6 February 2018 Minutes

A motion was made by Rudge, seconded by Asefa, to approve the 6 February minutes as presented. With one abstention, the motion carried.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

The committee used the review criteria for new proposals to develop a template for documenting the review results. A first draft of a template was created and the committee will continue to modify it at the next meeting. A template will be created for the three review stages; the initial review, the annual review, and the 5-year review.

ACTION ITEMS

CEAS – Georgeau Construction Research Center Proposal

Abudayyeh responded to questions from the committee:

Q: Given that the Center will occupy labs in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, can approval of the labs be provided?

A: No labs or units would be affected. Existing labs or research facilities could benefit from the Georgeau Center by submitting proposals for funding through the Center; however, labs are not required to participate. Abudayyeh will modify the Center proposal to indicate such.

Q: What is the relationship of the five labs in CEAS to the facility in the airport?

A: An airport hangar will be refurbished and a new lab created and available to a consortium of collaborators that will be established.

Q: Will annual income of \$200,000 be feasible with \$4 million left to invest after the initial capital outlay?

A: The proposal will be modified to clarify the dollars available for investment. Abudayyeh explained that the Advisory Board is different than the consortium and will delete references that may confuse the two groups.

Abudayyeh excused himself from the remainder of the meeting and agreed to send the revised proposal to the committee.

A motion was made by Ziebarth, seconded by Rudge, to recommend to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee the establishment of a Georgeau Construction and Research Center. Motion carried.

OTHER

The next meeting date is 3 April at 1 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Henderson.

Submitted by: Carol Sundberg