

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**  
**Minutes of 10 May 2018**  
**2017-18 Senate**

The Faculty Senate met in rooms 4010 of the College of Health and Human Services building. There were 74 Senators and substitutes present.

**Members Present:** O. Abudayyeh, D. Areaux, S. Asefa, J. Atkin, S. Ayers, T. Barkman, P. Bennett, Vivan Steemers (for P. Blickle), J. Brandão, S. Burns, Maira Bundza (for S. Carlson), C. Chase, R. Cooper, E. Copija, K. Corder, M. Cupka, A. DeFulio, R. dePeaux, Susan Piazza (for K. Ehrhardt), B. Ferrin, D. Flanagan, Y. Ford, J. Gabel-Goes, David Szabla (for B. Geier), J. Gilchrist, S. Glista, L. Gray, T. Gupta, J. Hahn, L. Heun, W. Homan, D. Hoover, W. Huang, A. Isea, B. Jarl, J. Jellies, J. Kapenga, M. Keil, D. Kim, K. Kness, Paul Vellom (for T. Koshmanova), P. Krawutschke, D. Lepisto, Parviz Merati (for W. Liou), A. Miles, M. Mingus, Kahler Schuemann (for E. Montgomery), N. Nelson, D. Nofsinger, D. Paul, J. Petrovic, K. Prewitt, K. Propp, W. Rantz, D. Rudge, L. Schmidt, D. Schuster, R. Siebert, C. D. Simpson, S. Slawinski, Vyacheslav Karpov (for J. Smith), S. Stapleton, S. Summy, J. Thakurta, J. Van Der Kley, P. Vander Weg, Joseph Stoltman (for G. Veeck), A. Venter, Z. Vidic, B. Wagner, D. Walcott, R. White, B. Young

**Members Absent:** D. Anderson, U. Attanayake, S. Bertman, L. Bierlein Palmer, T. Broadwater, T. Curran, Decker Hains (for K. Fogarty), S. Hill, D. Johnson, C. R. Krishna-Swamy, J. Larson, I. Nash, J. Saini, S. Steuer, A. Tazzia

**Guests:** Gary Bischof, Dean, Lee Honors College; Christine Byrd-Jacobs, Acting Dean, Graduate College; Heidi Douglas-Vogley, Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences; Marilyn Duke, Center for Academic Success Programs; Mervyn Elliott, Aviation; Leigh Ford, School of Communication; Duane Hampton, Department of Geological and Environmental Sciences; Keith Hearit, Provost's Office; Terri Kinzy, Vice President for Research; Ryan Lewis, Art; Nancy Mansberger, Director, Academic Labor Relations; Heather Petcovic, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Ken Pilarski, guest of Rudolf Siebert; David Reinhold, Associate Provost for Assessment and Undergraduate Studies; Cheryl Roland, Executive Director for University Relations; Joe Sanchez, President, Western Student Association; Elke Schoffers, Chemistry; Yu-Lien The, Music; Carol Weideman, Department of Human Performance and Health Education; Tom Wolf, Chief Information Officer; Paulo Zagalo-Melo, Associate Provost, Haenicke Institute for Global Education.

**Staff:** S. Brodasky, S. Davenport

Faculty Senate President Suzan Ayers called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

*Acceptance of the Agenda*

As these meetings are special sessions, no amendments from the floor can be accepted to the agendas.

*Approval of Minutes of 5 April 2018 Senate Meeting*

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

*Faculty Senate Executive Board Report – Suzan Ayers, Faculty Senate President*  
Senate President Ayers' report included the following:

- The recent passing of:
  - Walter Brunhumer, professor emeritus of History
  - Stephen Jones, professor emeritus of Music
  - John Norman, associate professor emeritus of History
- Two new Faculty Senators were welcomed:
  - Steven Bertman, Institute of the Environment and Sustainability
  - Ryan Lewis, Frostic School of Art
- Jellies provided an update from General Counsel Carrick Craig about the guidelines related to faculty concerns about the use of online resources students are using for sharing exams, quizzes, notes, etc. in response to a concern from the Professional Concerns Committee.  
<http://wmich.edu/sites/default/files/other/u370/2018/GUIDELINES%20FO%20FACULTY%20REGARDING%20ONLINE%20FILE%20SHARING%20.pdf>
- The creation of a video tutorial that gives instruction on the electronic course change process created by Director Bret Wagner was announced.  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QCTsf1BxWCsA8-pH1YYNOzrXCfFWqzfn/view>
- The **Campus Planning and Finance Council** was briefed on various campus construction projects that are underway as well as those in the design stage; faculty participation in the early planning for parts of the South Neighborhood development is gratefully acknowledged and embraces the spirit of shared governance.
- The **Extended University Programs Council** has approved new eLearning standards and is working with the Executive Board to approve adoption of the new standards.
- The **Graduate Studies Council** has completed its work to review curriculum proposals this year, and is continuing to examine potential revisions to graduate procedures to better support faculty and student success.
- The **Undergraduate Studies Council** has been evaluating curriculum proposals, developing an administrative process for review of courses seeking a formal designation as a service-learning course, working with the Division of Student Affairs on how information about curriculum is used in WMU's efforts to recruit and retain undergraduate students, and reviewing the role statement.
- The **Ad Hoc General Education Logistics Committee** has completed its charges and submitted its final report last month; therefore, ending its service. The WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee, approved at the April Senate meeting, has begun the work of overseeing the new WMU Essential Studies curriculum.
- The **Transfer of Credit Committee** has begun discussions of how WMU might be able to accept credits from Career and Technical Education programs around the state.
- This academic year's key accomplishments of the Faculty Senate were summarized. The Senate councils and committees, comprised of over

400 voluntary faculty, administrators, students, and staff, have over the past academic year, processed five Memoranda of Action including:

- Revision to Advising Directors General Education Substitution Authority
- Revision of WMU General Education Curriculum
- Amendments to the WMU Essential Studies Learning Outcomes
- Adoption of the course approval criteria for proposed WMU Essential Studies courses
- Adoption of the student requirements for the WMU Essential Studies curriculum
- The WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee was created to oversee and assess the curriculum, and a tentative timeline was submitted for WMU Essential Studies implementation.
- Faculty who are teaching a class online or at a regional location are encouraged to consider applying for the Extended University Programs innovative teaching or community engagement awards. Details are available at the website shown. <https://wmich.edu/extended/awards>
- The Faculty Senate and the Office of the President will be co-hosting the annual Faculty Retirement Recognition Dinner on May 21. We will be honoring 25 recent faculty retirees.

*Remarks by Kahler Schuemann, WMU President's Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees*

Schuemann's remarks included the following:

#### **Medieval Congress**

- This is the 53<sup>rd</sup> event, which will span four days and includes 3,000 scholars in attendance.
- The WMU intramural field has been transformed into the footprint of a castle.

#### **Search News**

- Provost: three finalists visited campus the last week in April and the search is expected to conclude soon.
- Vice President for Marketing and Strategic Communication: three finalists are being interviewed and the search is expected to conclude soon.
- Admissions Director: two candidates are being considered.
- Martha Warfield, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion, has announced her retirement as of the end of July. A search committee will be convened and begin with an aggressive timeline.
- Ron Cisler, Interim Dean of the College of Health Services at the University of Wisconsin, has been named the WMU College of Health and Human Services Dean beginning August 1.

#### **WMU Homer Stryker MD School of Medicine**

- The first class of 48 students will graduate on May 13 at 2 p.m. in Miller Auditorium, flowed by a public open house at the WMed campus from 1 to 3 p.m.

#### **Phi Kappa Phi**

- The WMU chapter is one of three finalists for the organization's 2018 Excellence in Innovation Award. The winner will be announced on May 21 and be awarded \$100 thousand.

#### **Faculty Accolades**

- Alan Kehew, geological and environmental sciences, has co-edited *Quaternary Glaciation of the Great Lakes Region*.
- G. Michael Grammer, a former faculty member, William B. Harrison, III, and David A. Barnes both professors emeritus of what was geosciences, co-edited *Paleozoic Stratigraphy and Resources of the Michigan Basin*.

#### **Student Accolades**

- WMU Advertising and Promotion students placed second in their division at the District 6 American Advertising Federation's National Student Advertising Competition. Presenters included Kiana Bailey, who won the best presenter award, Sara Buckle, Alex Gutierrez-Spencer, and David Hughey.

#### **Suzan Ayers Presidency**

- Acknowledgment of Ayers for her efforts and contributions to the Faculty Senate and shared governance.

Discussion included the following:

- It was questioned how WMU is protecting itself from the recent negative press that Cooley Law School has received. Schuemann stated that the upper administration is monitoring the press releases and communicating with Cooley. The negative press is disturbing and WMU is working on how to collaborate with Cooley.

*Remarks by Susan Stapleton, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Interim Provost Stapleton's remarks included the following:

- Congratulations to all the spring graduates and the faculty who served as their teachers and mentors.
- Erika Calvo, a biological sciences student, has been awarded a National Science Foundation post-doctoral fellowship under Christine Byrd-Jacobs' mentorship.
- The focus on diversity and inclusion search committee training has resulted in more than 500 individuals having completed the training.
- With the collaboration of Bob Miller, there is a commitment to renew WMU's Carnegie community engagement designation.
- D/E/Withdraw/Incomplete grades in gateway courses are being used to identify at-risk populations in order to improve persistence and student success.
- Academic advisors will be registering students for full-loads (14-16) credit hours based on data that shows students fully loaded are retained at higher rates and are more successful.
- WMU became a JED Campus through the JED Foundation that helps campuses build upon student mental health, substance abuse, and suicide prevention efforts. <https://www.jedcampus.org>

- 100 peer leaders have been hired to begin in fall 2018 for the Success@WMU initiative and the curriculum is currently being built for the peer leaders training. The Alumni Association is being engaged to identify Success@WMU champions to serve as mentors.
- In conjunction with Student Affairs, Academic Affairs continues to build on initial efforts of the Signature Program, including expanding the platform to track participation. Spring graduation saw the first students to graduate with Signature designation. The program is expanding to include a faculty and staff Signature Program.
- In conjunction with University Libraries, an effort has been made to help reduce textbook costs by placing books on reserve. Library Dean Julie Garrison indicated that 344 of the 647 books on reserve were checked out 5,602 time during fall and spring.
- An institutional articulation agreement with Kellogg Community College has been signed. It provides clear pathways for students to transfer from KCC to WMU in 21 different areas of study. Conversations continue with other community college partners to arrange similar pathway agreements.
- Senior completion financial aid awards were implemented for students eligible to return for spring but who had not registered, had fewer than 100 credit hours remaining to be completed, and had exhausted all financial aid. All students who received the aid registered for spring. Of those, 16 successfully graduated and the remaining 21 are registered for summer I and are anticipated to graduate.
- Academic Affairs has committed to providing administrative assigned time to a faculty member to serve as Director of WMU Essential Studies.

Discussion included the following:

- It was questioned how student persistence is measured. Stapleton indicated that is the rate at which students complete semester-to-semester and year-to-year. PELL grant eligible students persist at a lower success rate than those who are not PELL eligible. WMU PELL are lower than the national average.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

*Resolution in Honor of Emeritus Richard de Peaux – Suzan Ayers,  
Faculty Senate President*

A Faculty Senate Resolution was presented to Senator and Professor Richard de Peaux:

WHEREAS, Richard de Peaux served as a practicing artist in the Department of Humanities in the College of General Studies for twenty years before joining the School of Art. In his capacity as the head of painting, Richard de Peaux has influenced and mentored untold junior colleagues and understudies.

WHEREAS, Richard de Peaux has served the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate as a department Senator, member of multiple committees, the Undergraduate Studies Council, and the Executive Board; his service has been exemplary; and

WHEREAS, Richard de Peaux concludes his service as professor of Art, the WMU faculty extend appreciation for his creativity and service to Western Michigan University.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, under the authority of the Western Michigan University Board of Trustees, the Faculty Senate of Western Michigan University, on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018, does recognize, congratulate and commend Richard de Peaux for his outstanding and dedicated contributions toward the enhancement and beautification of Western Michigan University.

De Peaux expressed his appreciation and gratitude.

*Resolution in Honor of Emeritus James Gilchrist – C. Dennis Simpson,  
Faculty Senate Director*

A Faculty Senate Resolution was presented to Vice Provost and Senator James Gilchrist. Simpson provided brief remarks submitted by President-Elect Richard Gershon who was unable to attend. “Jim Gilchrist is the consummate administrator. What has always impressed Rick about Jim is his quiet, steady leadership style. Jim brings a level of calm to a sometimes-chaotic situation. Nowhere was that more evident than when he took over as Chief Information Officer. Jim’s approach has always been, “*I may not have the immediate answers, but we will learn together and figure it out.*” Jim may not be an expert but he is someone who displays a level of reassurance that says, “*I’ve got your back.*” As long as Rick has known Jim, he never lets anyone feel embarrassed for asking the awkward and hard questions. There is another side to Jim; the person who loves Star Trek and has a command of information and fine detail that is second to none. Jim is one of the most stand-up guys Rick has known in his time at this University.” Thank you Jim for all that you’ve done on behalf of Western Michigan University.

WHEREAS, James Gilchrist served as the Vice Provost for Budget and Personnel at Western Michigan University and formerly served in a variety of positions including Chief Information Officer, Director of Institutional Research, and both Chair and faculty in the School of Communication.

WHEREAS, James Gilchrist has served the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate as a presidential appointee and the WMU community through his service in many positions with a firm hand and sense of fairness and equity; and

WHEREAS, James Gilchrist concludes his work as Vice Provost for Budget and Personnel, the WMU faculty extend appreciation for his leadership and service to Western Michigan University.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, under the authority of the Western Michigan University Board of Trustees, the Faculty Senate of Western Michigan University, on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018, does recognize, congratulate and commend James Gilchrist for his outstanding and dedicated contributions toward the enhancement and betterment of Western Michigan University.

Gilchrist expressed appreciation and noted that everyone who achieves success as a faculty member or administrator has had a mentor; his was Professor Emeritus and former Faculty Senate President Jim Jaksa.

*Resolution in Honor of Retiree Cheryl Roland – Suzan Ayers,  
Faculty Senate President*

A Faculty Senate Resolution was presented to Retiree Cheryl Roland:

WHEREAS, Cheryl Roland served as the Executive Director of University Relations at Western Michigan University. In her capacity as Executive Director, she has been the voice of news for and about WMU since 2007 and the source for all information pertaining to the University's accomplishments, challenges, and outreach.

WHEREAS, Cheryl Roland has served the western Michigan community through her service to University Relations for thirty-one years, with unwavering grace, composure, and ethical information provision; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Roland concludes her work as Executive Director of University Relations, we extend appreciation for her leadership and service to Western Michigan University.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, under the authority of the Western Michigan University Board of Trustees, the Faculty Senate of Western Michigan University, on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018, does recognize, congratulate and commend Cheryl Roland for her outstanding and dedicated contributions toward the enhancement and betterment of Western Michigan University.

Roland expressed appreciation and stated that it has been her privilege to be an observer of the Faculty Senate.

**INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

*Remarks of 2016-18 Faculty Senate President – Suzan Ayers*

President Ayers stated that it has been her honor and privilege to serve as Faculty Senate President. She went on to say that the last two years have been challenging, fulfilling, and exceedingly interesting. Wise leaders know that staff makes the magic happen, which is particularly true for the Faculty Senate and the effective administration of the office by two amazing women. Sue Davenport has served nearly 40 years in the Faculty Senate office and has provided a stable base of support for a multitude of Senate leaders. Sue Brodasky recently assumed leadership of the office and brought new ideas and approaches, as well as a breadth of technological skills that have enhanced the Senate operations. Ayers expressed immense thanks to the Executive Board for all the support and balance required to make the progress that was made in the last two years. It would be impossible to preside over the Faculty Senate without strong campus leaders willing to sacrifice so much for the greater good. Ayers thanked the members of each Faculty Senate council and committee for their service to the University. These bodies are the lifeblood of the Senate, so service in this capacity is essential to shared governance. Each senator serves an important role in campus life; they represent the departments/units and share concerns of those units with the Senate as well as take the work of the Senate back to the units. That process is essential

and so valuable for the effective operation of WMU. Ayers expressed gratitude to partners in shared governance, Western Student Association and Graduate Student Association, as well as members of the administration for contributions in the advancement of the mission and interests of faculty. Ayers acknowledged the impact regular meetings and myriad of interactions with President Edward Montgomery have provided. Serving as the Faculty Senate President has been her honor and pleasure.

*Recognition of the 2016-18 Senators – Suzan Ayers, Faculty Senate President*  
Acknowledgment was given to the Faculty Senators completing their term of service:

- Brett Geier, Educational Leadership, Research and Technology
- Gregory Veeck, Geography
- William Liou, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
- Ken Prewitt, Music
- Jesse Smith, Sociology
- Kristal Ehrhardt, Special Education and Literacy Studies
- Sandra Glista, Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences
- Tetyana Koshmanova, Teaching, Learning and Educational Studies
- Peter Blicke, World Languages and Literatures
- C. Dennis Simpson, Representative-at-Large

*Recognition of the 2016-18 Faculty Senate President – Janet Hahn,  
Faculty Senate Vice President-Elect*

Hahn stated that Faculty Senate President Suzan Ayers concludes her 2016-18 term as Faculty Senate President at this meeting. President Ayers has led the Senate with a strong dedication to shared governance of WMU. Her passion, persistence, and attention to detail in the past two years are appreciated. Hahn presented Ayers with a ceremonial gavel.

*WMU Essential Studies Update – Sarah Summy*

Summy thanked the *Ad Hoc* General Education Design Committee and the *Ad Hoc* General Education Logistics Committee for setting the groundwork for the WMU Essential Studies curriculum. She provided the roster of the newly formed WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee, and provided a review of the new WMU Essential Studies website: <http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/wmuessentialstudies>. The committee will be meeting twice a month throughout the summer.

Discussion included the following:

- The College of Arts and Sciences curriculum committee has changed the timeline such that new courses are to be submitted to it by April. So, it was questioned how the new deadline could be met when submission of WMU Essential Studies courses has not been communicated. Ayers indicated a failure on her part to communicate clearly the timeframe. She encouraged incoming Faculty Senate leadership to reach out to CAS. Committee member Leigh Ford acknowledged that the CAS college curriculum committee has set an earlier due date for changes to courses, but the WMU Essential Studies course submission is considered a

different process, and those courses will be submitted beginning in September and due by the end of December, regardless of the CAS timeframe.

- It was questioned if the current electronic curriculum change form would be adapted to include WMU Essential Studies. Ayers stated that it would and that process is already underway but not yet available.

### ADJOURNMENT

Faculty Senate President Suzan Ayers adjourned the 2017-18 Senate meeting at 6:01 p.m.

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**Members Absent:** D. Anderson, U. Attanayake, S. Bertman, L. Bierlein Palmer, T. Broadwater, T. Curran, R. Gershon, D. Hains, S. Hill, D. Johnson, C. R. Krishna-Swamy, J. Larson, I. Nash, S. Perryman-Clark, J. Saini, S. Steuer, A. Tazzia

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**Staff:** S. Brodasky, S. Davenport

Faculty Senate Vice President Janet Hahn called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

### PROCEDURAL ITEMS

*Remarks of the 2018-20 Faculty Senate Vice President – Janet Hahn*  
Due to Faculty Senate President Rick Gershon being out of the country, Hahn presided over the first session of the year. She stated that she looks forward to serving as vice president of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate. Seven years ago, when she became a board appointed contract faculty member in the College of Health and Human Services, she did not envision this important role of service. Hahn is pleased to be able to apply her skills and experience to help steer the direction of WMU. She believes in continued work to improve the lives of our students and improve the local and global communities.

### *Introduction and Welcome of New Senators – Janet Hahn, Faculty Senate Vice President*

Appreciation was expressed to all re-elected Senators:

- Dae Kim, Blindness and Low Vision Studies
- Rudolf Siebert, Comparative Religion
- John Kapenga, Computer Science
- Joyashish Thakurta, Geological and Environmental Sciences
- Zeljka Vidic, Human Performance and Health Education
- Lori Gray, Interdisciplinary Health Programs
- John Petrovic, Mathematics
- Austin Tazzia, Military Science and Leadership
- Yvonne Ford, Nursing
- Antonio Isea, Spanish
- Dave Nofsinger, Theatre
- Osama Abudayyeh, Representative-at-Large
- Peter Krawutschke, Emeriti Council

Welcome to new Senators:

- David Szabla, Educational Leadership, Research and Technology
- Lisa DeChano-Cook, Geography
- Parviz Merati, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
- Yu-Lien The, Music
- Vyacheslav (Slava) Karpov, Sociology
- Susan Piazza, Special Education and Literacy Studies
- Heidi Douglas-Vogley, Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences
- Paul Vellom, Teaching, Learning, and Educational Studies
- Vivan Steemers, World Languages and Literatures
- Decker Hains, Representative-at-Large
- Keith Hearit, Representative-at-Large
- Staci Perryman-Clark, Representative-at-Large

New and continuing Senators were reminded that as a departmental/unit representative, it is their responsibility to report on Senate meetings to departments/units.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### *Election of Executive Board Directors – Janet Hahn*

In keeping with Senate practice and in consultation with the nomination committee, the following people have been nominated to the Executive Board for two-year terms, returning Directors:

- Osama Abudayyeh, Engineering and Applied Sciences
- Carla Chase, Health and Human Services
- John Jellies, Arts and Sciences
- Bret Wagner, Business

And new Director:

- Marilyn Kritzman, Arts and Sciences

The slate of nominees was approved by acclamation from the Senate members.

### *Election of Council Members*

The council membership ballots were distributed. The ballot for single nominees was approved by acclamation from the Senate members. The following were elected to three-year terms, unless otherwise noted:

#### **Academic and Information Technology Council**

- Donald Alexander, Arts and Sciences (1-year)
- German Zarate-Sandez, Arts and Sciences (2-year)
- Derrick McIver, Business
- Pavel Ikonomov, Engineering and Applied Sciences
- Jeremiah Downes, Fine Arts (2-year)
- Geraldine Rinna, Unaffiliated

#### **Campus Planning and Finance Council**

- Udaya Wagle, Arts and Sciences
- Geoffrey Lindenberg, Aviation (2-year)
- Patricia Vander Meer, Unaffiliated

#### **Extended University Programs Council**

- John Spitsbergen, Arts and Sciences
- Dawn Anderson, Health and Human Services
- Kimberly Doudna, Representative-at-Large
- Lisa Singleterry, Representative-at-Large

#### **Graduate Studies Council**

- Clifton Ealy, Arts and Sciences (1-year)
- Julie Apker, Arts and Sciences
- Louann Bierlein Palmer, Representative-at-Large
- Mary Z. Anderson, Representative-at-Large

#### **International Education Council**

- Jim Whittles, Aviation
- Igor Fedotov, Fine Arts

#### **Research Policies Council**

- Andre Venter, Arts and Sciences
- Onur Arugasan, Business
- Chris Coryn, Education and Human Development
- Susan Steuer, Unaffiliated

#### **Undergraduate Studies Council**

- Kathryn Hillenbrand, Health and Human Services
- Dianna Sachs, Unaffiliated

The ballot for those seats where there were two or more nominees were distributed. The following were elected to three-year terms:

#### **Campus Planning and Finance Council**

- Valerian Kwigizile, Engineering and Applied Sciences

#### **International Education Council**

- Chansheng He, Arts and Sciences
- David Huffman, Arts and Sciences

#### **Undergraduate Studies Council**

- Michael Duffy, Representative-at-Large

It was noted that four of the councils will meet next week and newly elected members are expected to begin immediately.

## **PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC CONCERNS**

Discussion covered the following questions and statements:

- Haworth College of Business faculty expressed concern about connection to the WIFI. Dean Satish Deshpande has upgraded the routers but the highway into Schneider Hall is the problem. Chief Information Officer Tom Wolf responded that the Office of Information Technology is working on the issues in that building, and connections are a known problem. OIT has created a lifecycle project list to address the weakest parts of the network; the primary challenge is funding. The top priority is WIFI.
- It was noted that faculty have experienced difficulty with book orders. The Follett website does not seem to be able to handle certain selections and there is no place to provide comments. Vice President Jan Van Der Kley suggested contacting Dennis Brooks, the Follett manager of the WMU bookstore. Follett is also offering on-line sources.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Faculty Senate Vice President Janet Hahn noted that the 2018-19 meeting dates would be established over the summer, with the first meeting to be held in October. She adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Sue Brodasky and Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office