

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
CAMPUS PLANNING AND FINANCE COUNCIL
Minutes of 20 October 2020**

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Campus Planning and Finance Council was called to order at 3:03 p.m. on 20 October 2020, via Webex video conferencing by Valerian Kwigizile, chair.

Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Todd Barkman, David Dakin, Betty Dennis, Keith Hearit, Lynne Heasley, Valerian Kwigizile, Geoffrey Lindenberg, James Penner, Matthew Screnock (Graduate Student Association), Jan Van Der Kley, Udaya Wagle

Members Absent: Cheryl Bruey, Colleen Scarff, Emma Scheller (Western Student Association)

Advisory Member in Attendance: Tony Proudfoot

Advisory Member Absent: Chris Cheatham

Ex Officio Member in Attendance: Osama Abudayyeh

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Agenda

MOA-20/05: Creation of Faculty Engagement in Fundraising and Development Activities Policy was added to New Business on the agenda.

It was moved by Abudayyeh, seconded by Dennis, to accept the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

It was moved by Barkman, seconded by Wagle, to approve the 15 September minutes as provided. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chair Kwigizile gave a report of the 1 October Faculty Senate meeting, topics included a report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Interdisciplinary Academic Studies. Four prospective goals were given:

- Overcoming barriers – recommendation that faculty be able to request appointment outside of their college to breakdown departmental silos
- Creative curriculum design – potential challenges associate with the Strategic Resource Management budget model with respect to interdisciplinary studies
- Advancing interdisciplinary research – recommendation of a center to facilitate collaboration
- Advance a culture of interdisciplinary thinking – WMU actively promote a culture of interdisciplinary thinking

Ex Officio Abudayyeh did not provide a report.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Chair Kwigizile put forward MOA-20/05: Creation of Faculty Engagement in Fundraising and Development Activities Policy. The Executive Board asks the council to look at separating the policy elements (actions) from procedures in the MOA. Overall policy should be shorter and foregrounded, while procedures to implement the policy will be more detailed. Barkman asked for clarity about how faculty are invited to be involved. Hearit suggested referring the proposed changes to John Jellies who authored the MOA. Kwigizile confirmed that items 1 through 6 in the MOA are procedures while just the first paragraph is the policy language. The council was in consensus to revise the MOA such that “Action Items” would

be added to separate the policy from the list of six procedures. It was moved by Dennis, seconded by Wagle, to approve MOA-20/05 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

2020-21 CPFC Charge #1: *Review the scope and description of the council's role statement and assess the effectiveness of the council's practices. Address any continuing or outstanding issues or initiatives as directed by the Faculty Senate Executive Board.*

- Guiding question: Does the role statement capture everything the council is doing? How can the council be more effective?
- Dennis —we might also speak to charge #11 in the role statement on the website. Perhaps standardize this for every council, to be discussed further when reviewing that charge.

2020-21 CPFC Charge #3: *Review and provide input into campus construction projects that are in the various stages of planning. Assess the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on campus construction projects and planning.*

Dakin presented the current status of projects in construction, projects in design, and project in planning.

- Projects in construction:
 - College of Aviation will be completed Feb. 2021. COVID costs added were \$150,000
 - BTR Phase Two is completed
 - Arcadia Flats will be completed Nov. 2020, with move in scheduled for Jan. 2021. COVID costs added were \$500,000
 - Student Center and Dining Facility will be completed June 2022, with move in scheduled for Aug. 2022. COVID added costs were \$300,000
- Projects in design:
 - Dunbar renovation and addition were delayed but is now going thru the process of state approval. If approved, completion will be Fall 2023
- Projects in planning:
 - Hilltop Village
 - Vacating older buildings (e.g., Wellborn Hall)

Barkman asked what is included in the extra COVID costs, to which Dakin replied delays, upkeep, personnel, efficiency, supply chain challenges. Barkman observes that \$1 million is not the worst case. Hearit questioned where the Wellborn materials will go. Dakin indicated they will be part of the Haenicke Hall lower level. Hearit expresses concern for under-utilization of Wellborn displays. Wagle inquired about other kinds of impacts that there have been in terms of projects moving forward (e.g., impact on changes in instruction as part of the planning and strategies processes). Van Der Kley stated observing shifts of risk from industry to property owner from earlier model of joint exposure, increasing insurance costs, housing will need singles and private bathrooms, shared spaces, and long term impacts are yet to be determined. Barkman questioned the status of the Hilltop outside private partnership. Van Der Kley discussed the current evaluations of proposal. Hilltop will be delayed for a year regardless of partnerships. Kwigizile asked how the process of selling lots in BTR 2 is looking. Barkman questioned what is going in place of the mini-mall and Wellborn. Van Der Kley stated it will be greenspace for now, but ideas are welcome.

2020-21 CPFC Charge #11: *Identify approaches and methods used to increase civility and respect in order to create a safe environment both within the Faculty Senate and the University.*

Questions were raised regarding what the Faculty Senate Executive Board is looking for in response to this charge. Dennis suggested the formation of a small subcommittee to examine and bring ideas back regarding CPFC's role as a council and how it connects to this particular charge. Barkman noted a civil campus depends on public safety and facilities, whom are in our charge. Kwigizile stated that any recommendations should address a need, there are multiple directions possible. Barkman suggested that the Executive Board appoint a sub-committee with representation from all councils to address this charge since it appears on charges for all councils. Dennis and Screnock agreed to be the CPFC designated members if such a subcommittee is created. Abudayyeh will bring the suggested to the Executive Board.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

It was moved by Wagle, seconded by Lindenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

The Campus Planning and Finance Council will meet next on 17 November 2020 via Webex at 3 p.m.

Approval

Submitted by Lynne Heasley, Secretary

Minutes approved this seventeenth day of November 2020