
**UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL
Minutes of 8 June, 2021****Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Council was called to order at 3:04 pm, on 8 June 2021, via Webex virtual meeting by Clifton Ealy, chair.

Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Deanna Bush, Carrie Cumming, Clifton Ealy, Steven Eberth, Bruce Ferrin, Lori Gray, Irma Lopez, Colin MacCreery, Nicolas Witschi

Member Absent: Jessica Birnbaum, Kristal Ehrhardt (substitute for Kate LaLonde), Eli Lantz (Western Student Association), Elijah Lewis (Western Student Association), Mary-Louise Totton, Kelly Wittenberg

Advisory Members Present: Betsy Drummer

Advisory Members Absent: Edwin Martini

Ex Officio: Matthew Mingus

Guest(s): Scott Hennessy, Associate Director for Admissions

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Agenda

It was moved by Ferrin, seconded by Drummer, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

One correction was noted to omit the title MOA-13/04 in the discussion regarding revisions to the accelerated graduate degree program (AGDP). It was moved by Ferrin, seconded by Lopez, to approve the 11 May 2021 minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chair Ealy thanked the past vice chair and secretary for their efforts on behalf of the Undergraduate Studies Council.

Ex Officio Mingus reported the data regarding fall student admissions is unclear making it difficult to predict enrollment, but the University is prepared for the next academic year financially with no expected budget cuts.

Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees

No reports were provided.

Reports of University Representatives

No reports were provided.

Unfinished Business

Ex Officio led the discussion regarding the revisions to the accelerated degree program. Ferrin identified item #4 of the Admission Procedure as a point for revision and questioned what students are to do if the department requires a higher GPA. The proposed change states, "Students enrolled in an AGDP program must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 throughout their baccalaureate degree, or maintain a higher GPA if required by the department. Admission to the AGDP will be revoked by the Registrar if the GPA falls below the required minimum." The Graduate Studies Council will need to review the proposed changes.

It was moved by Cumming, seconded by Ferrin, to accept the revised language as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Hennessy introduced MOA-21/02: Creation of Transfer Minor Policy. Creation of this policy could make WMU more attractive for transfer students and could add recognition for the student in a transfer minor. The Registrar's Office would need to work with the Community Colleges to coordinate recognition of the minor. This policy does not apply for military credit. The Registrar would implement this and the Academic Advisors could submit an application to the Registrar to receive credit from Community College work. For the student to receive a minor from WMU the student would need to meet the requirements established by the University. The intent is for the student to receive prior credit that may not transfer into a degree from WMU. Information regarding this policy can be added to the fall 2022 catalog. It was moved by MacCreer, seconded by Bush, to approve MOA-21/02 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Witschi announced the donation of \$550 million to WMU with a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Adjournment

It was moved by Witschi, seconded by Lopez, to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval

Submitted by Steven D. Eberth, Secretary

Minutes approved this fourteenth day of September 2021.