

**EXECUTIVE BOARD
Minutes of 10 June 2022****Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Executive Board was called to order at 9:03 a.m. on 10 June 2022, at an off-campus location by Sarah Summy, president.

Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Lisa DeChano-Cook, Anthony DeFulio, Kieran Fogarty, Decker Hains, John Jellies, Sarah Summy, Zeljka Vidic

Member Absent: Kyle Jehnzen, Marilyn Kritzman, William Rantz, Bret Wagner

Staff in Attendance: Sue Brodasky

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Agenda

A spelling error was corrected and the Undergraduate Studies Council and Research Policies Council reports were removed as they had been given at the last meeting. It was moved by Hains, seconded by DeChano-Cook, to accept the agenda as amended. The motion carried.

Minutes

It was moved by Vidic, seconded by Jellies, to approve the 13 May 2022 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Reports of Officers

President Summy provided the Provost Search Committee report. The job profile has been created and is being reviewed. The schedule of interviews will start in early October with initial interviews conducted via Zoom, second interviews conducted at the Detroit airport, and final interviews on-campus. The search committee is finalizing how to incorporate the campus community in the on-campus interviews.

President Summy provided the Racial Justice Advisory Committee report. The RJAC will be wrapping up over the summer. All of the committee's recommendations will be provided to the President's Cabinet for approval. RJAC is asking the Faculty Senate for several items; a syllabus statement regarding the process to access the Help Hub; a mechanism for new students to get professional development on use of the Help Hub; and the incorporation of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion into graduate student level courses. Discussion was held. It was suggested that the Help Hub professional development and graduate level DEI could be created as Elearning modules to be required of students. DeFulio volunteered to assist with the RJAC requests.

Due to Vice President Rantz's absence no report was provided.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

President Summy led a needs assessment (SWOT Analysis) of the Faculty Senate. Discussion was held. Preliminary goals were established as:

- Educating faculty on the activities, outcomes, and service for the Faculty Senate.
- Expanding communication on the activities, outcomes, and service for the Faculty Senate.
- Expanding connections with partners (i.e. Vice Presidents, Deans, Western Student Association, Graduate Student Association, and Collective Bargaining groups).
- Curriculum process revisions to be completed during the summer. Revisions will be vetted through the Undergraduate Studies Council, Graduate Studies Council, WMU Essential Studies

Course Review and Approval Committee in the fall. Revisions will focus on what's best for the student body.

University Committees

President Summy provided the report of the Accessible Technology Committee via email (Appendix A).

Faculty Senate Councils and Committees

Vidic provided the report of the Campus Planning and Finance Council via email (Appendix B).

DeChano-Cook provided the report of the International Education Council via email (Appendix C).

Vice President Rantz provided the report of the Graduate Studies Council via email (Appendix D).

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

President Summy adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m. The next Executive Board meeting will be held on 24 June, 2022 at 10 a.m. in room 3201 of Ellsworth Hall and via Webex.

Approval

Submitted by Sue Brodasky, Faculty Senate Administrator

Minutes were approved 24 June 2022.

Appendix A: Accessible Technology Committee – Summy

Discussion included:

- Discussion was held regarding opportunities for instructors to receive accessibility training throughout the summer. Registration for training sessions is through the Office of Faculty Development.
- Review of new software that would make compliance and auditing more manageable has begun.

Appendix B: Campus Planning and Finance Council – Vidic

Discussion included:

- Academic Affairs Strategic Allocation: a model of the strategic allocation between the responsibility units (colleges) was reviewed. The premise is to incentive performance, as well as to see the budget model from net expense, positive and negative. Understanding of strategic allocation (subvention) for college that finish in the negative, as well as for the colleges that finish in the positive. Consideration will be differences in the cost of instruction (e.g., number of students in courses). For colleges that end up negative this coming year, they will be held accountable to 10% or their negative balance. That 10% is essentially like a 'budget cut'. There will be allocation pool where the 10% will be given. Some college will be positive so 100% of the positive will be given to the allocation pool. That pot of money in the allocation pool will be divided among colleges, (i.e. subvention) to be used to subvent negative college.
- Campus Facility Development:
 - Dunbar Hall continues to progress
 - Dalton third floor lab bidding has started
 - Student Center progressing
 - President's suite design development on remodeled
- Government Relations and Community Partnerships: University community and government advocates primary goal is advancing partnership for WMU.
- University Strategic Plan: mutually beneficial partnership with external and internal stakeholders to advocate for WMU interests.

- Federal Government: utilizing opportunities and build political support to advance Western's interest in Washington, DC. Topics such as name, image, likeness among college athletes, overtime pay thresholds, community-based research, Covid-19 relief (42 million dollars distributed to students).
- State Government: fiscal budget/preparation, history of state funding, peak when term limits kicked in, funding based economic situation at the time, appropriated \$112 million of state funding, largest donor, flipped the cost of higher education on the backs of the students, 25 years of disinvestment in higher education, \$65 million in special project funding in last 5 years (Dunbar, College of Aviation, Resiliency).
- Local Government: Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service (KRESA), fraternity drive, community and corporate partnerships.
- Economic Impact: \$1.6 billion in direct and indirect cost in terms of impact that WMU has on the region.
- Shaping up to be a good budget year in Lansing potential for obtaining budget for improvements other than brick and mortar. Federal COVID-19 money that needs to be spent, pushing complete payoff for liabilities, focused on getting out of that system.

Appendix C: International Education Council – DeChano-Cook

Discussion included:

- Archer is finalizing the council year-end report. Charges will focus on achievable items and positive changes. Potential guests for next year will include some from this year. Continuation of discussion of IEC's role in internationalization of strategic planning.
- HIGE is focused on strategic planning.
- ACE Lab 2.0 will continue to next year.
- University Strategic Planning Internalization Workgroup has submitted the first version to the steering committee.
- Four scholars received Fulbright awards.

Appendix D: Graduate Studies Council – Rantz

Discussion included:

- Election of council officers was unsuccessful.
- Graduate College Dean reported on scholarships to pay 26 students \$2000 each. Dissertation writing retreat for under-represented students, nine 9 students participated.
- Merze Tate College Dean reported undergraduate orientation is going well, with 674 students participating.
- Memorandum of Action-21/04: Revision of Accelerated Graduate Degree Program was passed and is recommended to go forward to the Faculty Senate.