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**PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE  
Notes from Informational Meeting of 26 October 2022**

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Professional Concerns Committee was called to order at 12:30 p.m. on 26 October 2022 via WebEx conferencing by John Jellies, Ex Officio.

**Roll Call**

**Members in Attendance:** Timothy Palmer, Rena VanDerwall

**Member Absent:** John Miller, Karen Schieman, Elizabeth Terrell

**Advisory Members Present:** Joseph Erskine, Kathy Mitchell

**Ex Officio:** John Jellies

**Guest:** Sarah Summy, Faculty Senate President

**Quorum**

A quorum was not present.

**Agenda**

The agenda was acknowledged but not accepted because of the lack of a quorum.

**Election of Officers**

Lack of a quorum prevented election of chair and vice chair at this time. The election will occur at the 16 November 2022 meeting.

**Minutes**

The minutes were acknowledged but not voted on because of the lack of a quorum. Minutes from the 20 April 2022 meeting will be voted on at the 16 November 2022 meeting.

**Reports of Officers**

Ex Officio Jellies reviewed the Professional Concerns Committee (PCC) charges for 2022-23 academic year.

**Reports of University Representatives****Office of Student Conduct**

- Erskine is currently Interim Director for the Office of Student Conduct.
- The Office of Student Conduct is beginning to get cases. As is typical early in the semester, plagiarism is the most common case.
- The Office of Student Conduct plans to resume department training in 2022-23.
- Recruiting for panelists is underway.

**Office of the Ombuds**

- Grade Appeal and Program Dismissal Appeal Committee continues to work well using a virtual format.
- Numbers are up in hardship withdrawal requests. There were 360 cases at this point in 2021. There are 538 cases this year.
- Numbers are significantly down in grade appeal and program dismissal.
- Mitchell is retiring at the end of April 2023.

**Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees**

None

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Announcements**

None

**Adjournment**

Ex Officio Jellies adjourned the informational meeting at 1:15 p.m. The Professional Concerns Committee next meeting will be on 16 November 2022 virtually via Webex.

**Approval**

Submitted by Timothy Palmer, Secretary