

**WMU Faculty Senate
Professional Concerns Committee (PCC)
Charges for 2020-21**

Yvonne Ford will serve as the Faculty Senate Executive Board representative on PCC

ROLE STATEMENT

In addition to annual charges it may receive from the Faculty Senate Executive Board, the Professional Concerns Committee acts as the oversight committee for reviewing and monitoring all University policies and procedures dealing with academic conduct, including academic dishonesty, grade appeal and program dismissal issues.

CHARGES FOR 2020-21

In addition to its specific responsibilities listed in the Professional Concerns Committee's role statement and the work of subcommittees if such exist, the Faculty Senate Executive Board charges the PCC to consider, as a committee of the whole or through the appropriate subcommittee or task force, the following:

1. Review the scope and description of the role statement and assess the effectiveness of committee practices. Address any continuing or outstanding issues or initiatives as directed by the Faculty Senate Executive Board. To the extent possible, conclude the initiative by producing a report to the Executive Board or a Memorandum of Action.
2. Address any continuing or outstanding issues or initiatives as deemed necessary by the committee. To the extent possible, conclude any outstanding initiative by producing an MOA, report, or resolution.
3. Establish required reporting of student academic misconduct policy, including an appropriate timeline for which faculty have to report a student for suspicion of academic violation, and create a MOA.
4. Develop catalog language clarifying application of the Division of Student Affairs versus the Office of Research and Innovation misconduct policies. To the extent possible, conclude the initiative by producing a report to the Executive Board or a Memorandum of Action.
5. Develop a cycle of review of all University policies and procedures related to student academic conduct. To the extent possible, conclude the initiative by producing a report to the Executive Board or a Memorandum of Action.
6. Identify and address policies, programs, and practices that will ensure considerations of diversity, equity, and inclusion within the Faculty Senate and the University. To the extent possible, conclude the initiative by producing a report to the Executive Board or a Memorandum of Action
7. Identify approaches and methods used to increase civility and respect in order to create a safe environment both within the Faculty Senate at the University. To the extent possible, conclude the initiative by producing a report to the Executive Board or a Memorandum of Action

NOTE: The PCC will seek information from any administrative office to maintain communications with that office on issues directly related to it. Committee recommendations are to be submitted to the Executive Board in the form of a memorandum of action (MOA) on which the recommendation(s) is/are stated. Any draft MOAs requested by the Executive Board should be submitted using the MOA template.

The PCC chairperson shall provide a written report of the committee's accomplishments and progress for the year; list the above charges noting each item's progress and current status; any other activities undertaken; and draft charges for the 2021-22 academic year, no later than June 30, 2021.

Approved by the Faculty Senate Executive Board on Sept. 11, 2020