
EXECUTIVE BOARD
Minutes of 10 February 2023**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Executive Board was called to order at 9:59 a.m. on 10 February 2023, in Ellsworth Hall, room 3201 and via Webex video conferencing by Sarah Summy, president.

Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Anthony DeFulio, Kieran Fogarty, Decker Hains, Kyle Jehnzen, John Jellies, William Rantz, Sarah Summy, Zeljka Vidic, Bret Wagner

Member Absent: Lisa DeChano-Cook

Guest: Edward Montgomery, WMU President

Recording Secretary: Sue Brodasky, Faculty Senate Administrator

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Agenda

It was moved by Hains, seconded by Rantz, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried.

Minutes

It was moved by Hains, seconded by Jellies, to approve the 13 January 2023 minutes as provided. The motion carried.

It was moved by Hains, seconded by Jellies, to approve the 27 January 2023 minutes as provided. The motion carried.

WMU President

President Montgomery provided details regarding curriculum proposal 1155; the resolution to the network service disruption and ongoing cybersecurity risk; application of the Strategic Resource Management budget model; refinement of the SRM subvention rules; analysis and alignment of space in relation to SRM. Discussion was held.

Reports of Officers

President Summy reported on her meeting with President Montgomery which included curriculum proposal 1155. She summarized a meeting with WMU Essential Studies leadership to review duties. The curriculum proposal to remove Gender and Women Studies was withdrawn from the College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee by the college dean for revision. President Summy met with the College of Fine Arts regarding the curriculum proposal to create the School of Dance and Theater. Additionally, a curriculum proposal is being requested for the renaming of the School of Music. President Summy recently met with the WMU-AAUP president.

Vice President Rantz did not provide a report.

Unfinished Business

Wagner provided the Ad Hoc Curriculum Review Workgroup report. The workgroup has started revising the MOA language and is making good progress. It was suggested that during the presentation of the workgroup at the March Faculty Senate meeting that statements be included to reassure anyone who may be cynical of the process. Wagner stated that the previously created appeals language will be added in addition to a definition of collaboration between colleges with documentation and transparency. Discussion was held.

President Summy provided a report regarding the WMU Essential Studies leadership. Moving forward with roles. WMU Essential Studies Faculty Director Jonathan Bush will be conducting training for the

WMU Essential Studies Course Review and Approval Committee members. It is anticipated that adjustments may be necessary to the Curriculum processing procedures.

Discussion was held regarding Memorandum of Action-22/03: Revision of Graduate Catalog Requirements to Establish Credit Hours for a Doctoral Degree based on the January minutes of the Graduate Studies Council. President Summy will follow up with the GSC chair.

Brodasky introduced the council/committee membership rosters. She was asked to create a list of vacancies sorted by college for the EB to reference when soliciting membership.

New Business

The review of the curriculum manager role was postponed.

Discussion regarding the recent presentations before the Faculty Senate was postponed.

University Committees

None.

Faculty Senate Councils and Committees

The Research Policies Council report from DeFulio was provided via email.

- The SFSA was reviewed and decisions made. Eight applications were selected for funding and four were rejected. This resulted in spending \$26,000 of the available \$30,000.
- Betty McKain substituted for Vice President Seker. She reported that the ORI report was not possible presently due to the ongoing IT service disruption.
- Dean Byrd-Jacobs reported on a successful three-minute thesis (3MT) competition, and that research and travel grants are now open for grad student applications.
- Ex Officio Hurwitz reported that with one day left prior to the deadline, 23 FRACAA applications had been submitted.
- Attorney David Johnson, who is the new intellectual property manager in ORI was introduced.
- Guest Julia Mays described the new NSF requirements for off-site research.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

President Summy adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m. The Executive Board will meet next on 24 February 2023 at 10 a.m. in room 3201 Ellsworth Hall and via Webex video conferencing.

Approval

Submitted by Sue Brodasky, Faculty Senate Administrator

Minutes were approved 24 February 2023.