

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL
Tuesday, 9 February 2010, 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

Members present: R. Aravamuthan, K. Baldner, D. Cowan, B. Ferrin, K. Hearit, K. Hillenbrand, Angela Olson (for V. Torano), D. Nisula, D. Ravotas, David Reinhold (for Provost T. Greene), D. Sachs, A. Smith, J. Wu **Absent without substitution:** A. Anderson, I. Nash, G. Whitehurst **Also present:** Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office; Betty Dennis, associate dean, Extended University Programs; Steve Miller, Advocacy Office for Transfer Students and Military Affairs, Jessica Parker, academic advisor, Extended University Programs.

Procedural Items

Council Chair Bruce Ferrin called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Acceptance of Agenda

Aravamuthan moved acceptance of the agenda, seconded by Sachs. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Aravamuthan moved approval of the minutes of 19 January, seconded by Reinhold. Motion carried.

Chair's Remarks

Ferrin addressed the council. He is in receipt of a message signed by President John Dunn committing the University to dissemination throughout the curriculum (where appropriate) discussions concerning climate change and environmental sustainability. At some point in the future there will likely be some involvement in this process.

Ferrin also sought advice from University advisors concerning whether or not students are (or can be) officially recognized as majors independently of the signing and filing of an official major slip.

Action Item

Curriculum Proposal from Extended University Programs [EUP 001-10] –
Request to transfer Occupational Education Studies Program
from EUP to the College of Education and Human Development

This is simply a procedural matter that will change how these courses are listed in the catalog to accurately represent where these courses are offered. Aravamuthan moved acceptance of this proposal, seconded by Hearit. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

Review of the WMU Academic Standing Policy – David Reinhold

Reinhold addressed the council. He discussed various parts of the University's official policy regarding Academic Standing and how they related to the provost's concerns about this policy. Aravamuthan moved, seconded by Hillenbrand, that the Professional Concerns Committee initiate a Memorandum of Action adding one of the two following statements as the first sentence of clause 3, "Probation," of the University's Academic Standing Policy: a) "No student shall be placed on probation until they have attempted at least 12 credit hours," or b) "No student shall be placed on probation until they have completed at least two consecutive enrollment periods. Motion carried.

Clarification of Relationship Between USC and Campus Planning and Finance Council Regarding USC Role Statement, Function #6

Given the official role statements, it appears that both USC and CPFC are charged with considering the financial impact of proposed academic changes. Baldner moved, seconded by Aravamuthan, that "Function #6" of the Council's Role Statement be changed to: "To confirm that financial support necessary to initiate and maintain the proposed new programs or program changes has been considered by the appropriate University body." Motion carried.

Other

Reinhold noted that the registrar would like the council to consider limiting the maximum number of credit hours a student may register for during any single semester. Hearit noted that our spring application and admission numbers continue to be positive.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent Baldner