

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL
Minutes of Tuesday, 11 May 2010, 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

*Curriculum Proposal: Deletion of B.S. in Industrial Design
[CEAS-10-29-CEAS revised] – Anthony Vizzini*

Reinhold moved approval of the proposal, seconded by Aravamuthan. Motion passed.

Election of Council Officers for 2010-11 – Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

Bruce Ferrin, Ariel Anderson, and Kent Baldner were re-elected council chair, vice chair, and secretary for the coming academic year.

Members present: A. Anderson, N. Andreadis, R. Aravamuthan, K. Baldner, B. Ferrin, K. Hillenbrand, P. Krawutschke, I. Nash (for C. Thralls), D. Ravotas, D. Reinhold (for Provost T. Greene), G. Whitehurst **Absent without substitution:** D. Cowan, K. Hearit, M. Kritzman, D. Sachs, A. Smith, V. Torano, J. Wu **Guests:** Anthony Vizzini, dean, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Osama Abudayyeh, associate dean, College of Engineering and Applied Science **Also present:** Jeanine Bartholomew, academic advising liaison; Betty Dennis, associate dean, Extended University Programs; Steve Miller, Advocacy Office for Transfer Students and Military Affairs

Information/Discussion Items

Assessment of General Education – David Reinhold, Associate Provost for Assessment and Undergraduate Studies

Reinhold discussed some of the history of attempts to assess general education at WMU. Reinhold noted that, as things stand, the “Learning Outcomes” in the current assessment practices do not match the stated criteria by which general education courses are approved, and sought input from the council regarding what changes should be made to general education assessment. A lively discussion ensued.

Enrollment/Orientation Projections – David Reinhold

Applications for first year and transfer students, as well as the number of students admitted, are each up between 10 and 20 percent over last year at this time. There is some evidence suggesting that more students are “fishing” this year (attending orientation at several institutions), so the percentage of students who attend orientation but do not ultimately enroll in classes may be higher than in the past.

Procedural Items

Council Chair Bruce Ferrin called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. The council welcomed new and returning members of the council:

- Ariel Anderson, Teaching, Learning and Educational Studies (re-elected)
- Kent Balder, Philosophy (re-elected)
- Bruce Ferrin, Marketing (re-elected)
- Vince Torano, Art (re-elected)
- Charlotte Thralls, English (new)
- Marilyn Kritzman, Communication (new)
- Peter Krawutschke, new Faculty Senate president

Acceptance of Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Krawutschke moved approval of the minutes of 13 April 2010, seconded by Whitehurst. Motion carried.

Action Items

*Curriculum Proposal: Deletion of B.S.E. in Materials Science and Engineering
[CEAS-10-30-CEAS revised] – Anthony Vizzini, Dean
College of Engineering and Applied Sciences*

Dean Vizzini addressed the council. This action is the continuation of changes begun several years ago. No new students have been admitted to the program since 2005. Whitehurst moved approval of the proposal, seconded by Andreadis. Motion passed.

Other

No other business was forthcoming.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent Baldner
Secretary