

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE

CAMPUS PLANNING AND FINANCE COUNCIL  
Minutes of Tuesday, 21 September 2010, 3 p.m.  
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

**Members present:** Raja Aravamuthan, Dev Apiyo, Cheryl Bauman-Bruey, David Dakin, Richard Gershon, Kevin High, Dean Honsberger, Peter Krawutschke, Kathleen Langan, David Lemberg, Lowell Rinker, Paul Solomon, C.R. Krishna-Swamy, Gay Walker

**Members absent:** Harold Glasser, Dennis McCrumb

**Guests:** Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office; Robert Brown, Director, Public Safety; Ann Cox, Office of the Vice President for Business and Finance; Eileen Evans, Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness; Bassam Harik, Vice Provost for Budget and Personnel; Jan Van Der Kley, Associate Vice President for Business and Finance

**Procedural Items**

*Acceptance of the Agenda*

A motion was made by Honsberger to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Bruey. Motion passed.

*Approval of the Minutes of 16 March 2010*

A motion was made by Honsberger to approve the minutes of 16 March as presented, seconded by High. Motion passed.

*Chair's Comments – Paul Solomon*

Solomon thanked everyone for their dedication to the council. The election of officers will take place at today's meeting.

**Action Item**

*Election of 2010-11 Officers – Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary – Meeting Turned Over to New Chair*

Rinker nominated Rick Gershon as chair, Aravamuthan seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed. Gershon was elected chair.

Gershon nominated Gay Walker as vice chair, seconded by Honsberger. Nominations were closed. Walker was elected vice chair.

Kate Langan was nominated to serve as secretary, seconded by Gershon. Langan was elected secretary.

Gershon thanked the council for his selection as chairperson.

**Informational/Discussion Items**

*Higher Learning Commission's Visit – Eileen Evans, Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness*

Dr. Evans updated the council on the timeline and importance of the Higher Learning Commission's visit to campus 18-20 October. She distributed two documents: The Higher Learning Commission – The Criteria For Accreditation, along with the WMU Mission and Goals. Additional information can be obtained on the 2010-11 HLC Comprehensive Visit at <http://www.wmich.edu/poapa/accreditation>.

*2010/11 Board Budget and Tuition Increase – Dean Honsberger, Associate Vice President for Budgets and Planning*

Honsberger started the discussion by reviewing that the 2009/10 budget was balanced using 1.785 million in one-time stimulus funds. While this was a good plan for balancing the 2009/10 budget, this meant the University had to build a 2010/11 budget that covered for the loss of this short term revenue stream. We are estimating the university will see no increase in state appropriation funding in 2010/11. Thus, most of the 21 million in estimated additional general fund revenues will be generated from tuition (on and off campus). Estimated expenditure increases include 10 million for instruction and 6.3 million for student financial aid.

Honsberger then displayed a sheet titled "General Fund Budget Outlook for 2010/11". This document displays the detail as to what major line item categories make up the budget. He noted that some of the larger estimated increases to the expenditure budget were compensation increases, student financial aid increases, increases to the Extended University Programs budget, and 2.5 million for new tenure-track faculty positions. Both of the above charts can be found at <http://www.budget.wmich.edu>.

Honsberger noted that although WMU had the highest 2010/11 tuition and fee increase (percentage wise) in the state @ 7.4%, we were the second highest in dollar increases to the student @ \$624 for an undergraduate resident lower. WMU continues to be a real value in offering a quality education at a very reasonable price. When comparing the tuition and required fees (highest to lowest) at the major 15 Michigan public universities, WMU is ranked 10<sup>th</sup>, thus being one of the best buys in the state.

Finally, Honsberger displayed a chart titled "Where the Money Goes". Of the total 2010/11 board budget, 59.8 cents of each \$1 goes for academic activities (instruction, academic advising and support services, libraries, faculty research

support). 20.3 cents of each \$1 goes to centrally awarded financial aid and other student services (scholarship and need based financial aid, student activities and leadership programs, career and student employment services). 15.2 cents of each \$1 goes to administrative services (admissions and enrollment management, budget and accounting services, human resources, central information technology, legal services, plant operations, public safety). 4.7 cents of each \$1 pays for utilities and insurance.

*Signage for the New Campus Apartments – David Dakin, Director,  
Campus Planning*

The new campus apartments are under construction. Dakin alerted the council that signage is currently being reviewed and will be presented to the council over the next year.

*Capital Outlay List – David Dakin, Director, Campus Planning*

Dakin distributed the FY 2010-11 Building Project Priority List. Each year, the University submits a Five-Year Capital Outlay List to the State of Michigan. A motion was made by Solomon to accept the proposal as presented, seconded by Honsberger. Motion carried.

#### **Other Business**

Solomon asked to be placed on next month's agenda to update the council on the Arcadia Commons West Steering Committee.

#### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Bruey to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Honsberger. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

AnnMarie Cox  
Recording Secretary