

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

CAMPUS PLANNING AND FINANCE COUNCIL
Minutes of 18 January 2011, 3:00 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

Members present: Raja Aravamuthan, Cheryl Bruey, David Dakin, Richard Gershon, Harold Glasser, Dean Honsberger, John Jellies, C.R. Krishna-Swamy, Dennis McCrumb, Michelle McWilliams (for Dev Apiyo), Sean Nicholl, Lowell Rinker, Paul Solomon, Gay Walker.

Members absent: Kevin High, Kathleen Langan, David Lemberg

Also present: Diane Anderson, Vice President for Student Affairs; Robert Brown, Director of Public Safety; Ann Cox, Office of the Vice President for Business and Finance; Bassam Harik, Vice Provost for Budget and Personnel; Ron Robyn, Manager, Projects and Construction Division, Facilities Management

Procedural Items

Welcome and Introductions

Council Chair Rick Gershon called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and welcomed Sean Nicholl of the Western Student Association and Michelle McWilliams, vice chair of the Graduate Student Advisory Committee, who is filling in for Dev Apiyo.

The agenda item WMU's Web Presence/Branding Update – Greg Rosine, vice president for government affairs and university relations, will be presented at next month's meeting.

If time permits, the council has been asked by the Faculty Senate Executive Board to discuss differential tuition.

Acceptance of the Agenda

A motion was made by Honsberger to accept the agenda, seconded by Jellies. Motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Glasser, seconded by Walker, to approve the minutes of 16 November 2010. Motion passed.

Informational/Discussion Items

Finishing Touches – Part “1”

* *Arts Plaza - Overview of Project Past, Present and Future – David Dakin, Director of Campus Planning, Facilities Management*

Approximately five years ago a charette was held to develop a plan for the Arts Plaza. Concepts were developed along with an approximate 5 million dollar price tag to implement the concepts. The project was scaled back to address the area's immediate problems and issues including, but not limited to, the replacement of cracking and deteriorating concrete and steps. Handrails and additional safety issues were addressed. Storm water discharge issues were addressed and the fountain was fixed. The lighting was updated in this area.

Currently, the Arts Plaza is a large open space with artificial hardscape. There are tables and chairs to accommodate the students' needs. Funding issues prohibited any additional work in this area.

The council would like to be kept updated on any and all projects in the Arts Plaza area.

* *Seibert Administration Building Windows – Alternate Solutions – Ron Robyn, Manager, Projects and Construction Division, Facilities Management*

Ron Robyn developed a window and energy analysis report following the last meeting. Excluded from the last proposal was the removal of the glass blocks. Not removing the glass blocks would save \$20,000.00. The new cost for replacing the windows would be between \$500,000.00 and \$550,000.00. The payback on this project would be approximately 25 years. There is no funding source available for this project.

* *Sprau Tower Café – Diane Anderson, Vice President for Student Affairs*

The Sprau Tower Café has outgrown its current location. The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs is reviewing space concerns and improvements for the Café. Anderson will update the council when information becomes available.

The Bernhard Center lobby and Bistro 3 (in Davis Hall) were renovated during the summer months.

* *Housing Update – Diane Anderson, Vice President for Student Affairs*

Construction of the Western View Apartments are on schedule and are to be completed and occupied in the fall 2011. They are being offered to WMU upperclassmen and graduate students.

Other Business

Differential tuition was presented to the Board of Trustees at the 17 December 2010 meeting by Kay Palan, Dean, Haworth College of Business and Margaret Merrion, Dean, College of Fine Arts. The Faculty Senate Executive Board raised the question to the Campus Planning and Finance Council on this topic for discussion. The CPFC will invite Deans Palan and Merrion and Provost Tim Greene to the February meeting to present the differential tuition proposal.

Adjournment

A motion was moved by Bruey, seconded by Honsberger, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

The next scheduled meeting is 15 February 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

AnnMarie Cox
Recording Secretary