

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE

CAMPUS PLANNING AND FINANCE COUNCIL

Minutes of 19 April 2011, 3 p.m.

Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

**Members present:** Raja Aravamuthan, Cheryl Bruey, David Dakin, Richard Gershon, Harold Glasser, Kevin High, Dean Honsberger, John Jellies, C.R. Krishna-Swamy, David Lemberg, Dennis McCrumb, Sean Nicholl, Lowell Rinker, Gay Walker **Member absent:** Kathleen Langan **Guests:** Robert Brown, director of Public Safety; Ann Cox, Office of the Vice President for Business and Finance; John M. Dunn, president; Bassam Harik, vice provost for budget and personnel; Peter Krawutschke, Faculty Senate president; Jim Thomas, vice president for development and alumni relations; Jan Van Der Kley; associate vice president for business and finance.

**Procedural Items**

*Welcome and Introductions*

Gershon welcomed WMU President John Dunn and Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Jim Thomas to the meeting.

*Acceptance of the Agenda*

A motion was made by Glasser to accept the agenda, seconded by Bruey. Motion passed.

*Approval of the Minutes*

A motion was made by Jellies to approve the minutes of 15 March 2011, seconded by Walker. Motion passed.

**Informational/Discussion Items**

*Budget Update – John Dunn, President (with Dean Honsberger, Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning)*

President Dunn and Dean Honsberger presented a budget planning update regarding the 2011/2012 general fund budget. The latest information from the state indicates that our appropriations funding will probably be 15% down or - \$16.5 million from 2010/11 to 2011/2012. Our State Appropriation funding continues to be of concern as it has declined from \$125.7 million in 2002/03 to an estimated 2011/12 appropriation of \$93.2 million. The University is reviewing strategies to balance the university general fund budget including administrative cost reductions, tuition increase, program restructuring or elimination, reduction in force (layoffs), position control, across-the-board reductions, selective cuts, energy efficiencies, enhanced enrollment, outsourcing of functions and services, and enhanced research funding.

*Status of Sangren Hall*

Dr. Dunn was pleased to report that with the passing of a capital bill, Sangren Hall received an additional 19 million towards the total cost of the 60m project. The scope of the funds will cover Sangren Hall and 5 feet in front of the building. The parking lot, sidewalks, landscaping, etc. will need to be funded from an alternate funding source.

Gershon thanked Dr. Dunn and Honsberger for the update.

*Development Update – Jim Thomas, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations*

Jim Thomas thanked the council for inviting him to speak. Thomas was hired in October 2011 from the University of Michigan as the vice president for development and alumni relations.

Thomas spoke about the many changes occurring in his department. The department developed a web site <http://www.mywmu.com/> as an engagement platform. There are currently 230 alumni stories on this site. Faculty are welcome to nominate alumni stories for this page and there is a link for making a gift.

The Development and Alumni Relations office created the Historic Operation Campaign in conjunction with a major donor gift. The Annual Phone center is being revamped with engaging conversation. The department is moving toward a major regional gift force approach with officers in Chicago, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Florida, California, and New York.

Gershon thanked Thomas for his presentation.

**Other Business**

*Finishing Touches – Rick Gershon*

Due to time constraints, discussion of this item was postponed.

*Next Meeting*

Next month the council will need to discuss its charges and the upcoming year leadership.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Walker to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dakin. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

AnnMarie Cox  
Recording Secretary