

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

CAMPUS PLANNING AND FINANCE COUNCIL
Minutes of Tuesday, 15 November 2011, 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

Members present: Raja Aravamuthan, Aekam Barot, Cheryl Bruey, David Dakin, Richard Gershon, Harold Glasser, Dean Honsberger, C.R. Krishna-Swamy, Kathleen Langan, Zac Putnam, Gail Rouscher, Paul Solomon, Jan Van Der Kley and Gay Walker

Guests: Robert Brown, Director of Public Safety; Jim Gilchrist, Vice Provost for Academic Operations and Chief Information Officer; Hal Jenson, Dean, WMU School of Medicine; Margaret Merrion, Dean, College of Fine Arts; Robert Miller, Associate Vice President for Community Outreach; Linda Poquette, Office of the Vice President for Business and Finance, and Sandra Steinbach, Associate Vice President for Business and Finance

Procedural Items

Welcome

Council Vice Chair Gay Walker welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

Acceptance of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes of 18 October

A motion was made by Glasser to approve the minutes of 18 October, supported by Van Der Kley. Motion passed.

Vice Chair's Comments – Gay Walker

Walker stated there was no further business pending and welcomed guests Hal Jenson, Margaret Merrion and Bob Miller.

Information/Discussion Items

School of Medicine – Hal Jenson, Dean

The School of Medicine is in the middle of accreditation by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). Recruiting is expected to begin in January 2013 and the first class will begin in 2014 with an expected enrollment of 40 to 50 students.

The School of Medicine is a 501c3 corporation and is set up separately from the University. No WMU funds will be used for the medical school. Borgess, Bronson and other regional hospitals provide support for the medical school. Contributions

will also be made by two hospitals, Borgess and Bronson. The medical school would not be possible without their support. Borgess, Bronson and WMU will partner in the governance of the medical school, which will be known as the WMU Medical School. Philanthropy is another major contributing factor in making the medical school possible.

East Campus Update – Robert Miller, Associate Vice President for Community Outreach

A presentation was distributed providing an update on East Campus. Tax incentives will go to private companies. The University's commitment has been to provide land and the private sector's has been to keep the historical value. No project to date. The State determines what features have to be preserved and obtaining the historical tax credit is still in progress.

Sangren Facility Art – Margaret Merrion, Dean, College of Fine Arts

Dean Merrion gave a presentation with ideas for incorporation of art at Sangren.

Merrion stated that we will have to look for art to fit in context due to time frame. Van Der Kley added that there is currently no money for this in the budget. Merrion added that she is requesting a meeting with Jim Thomas, vice president for development and alumni relations, to seek private funding. She asked again for endorsement so we could go to private funding.

A motion was made by Solomon to approve an endorsement to seek private funding for the outdoor art gallery at Sangren, Glaser seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Walker thanked Hal Jenson, Robert Miller and Margaret Merrion for their presentations.

Other Business

Walker responded to a question concerning the cutting of trees stating that the issue has been resolved.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Honsberger to adjourn, seconded by Langan. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Poquette, Recording Secretary