

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL
Tuesday, 12 March 2013, 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

Members present: K. Ackerson, A. Anderson, N. Andreadis, K. Baldner, D. Buckland, K. Hillenbrand, M. Kritzman, D. Reinhold, D. Sachs, C. Thralls, D. Walcott, G. Whitehurst. **Absent without substitution:** R. Aravamuthan, J. Atkin, V. Torano. **Guest:** William Rantz, Faculty Senate President. **Also present:** Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office; Jeanine Bartholomew, academic advising liaison; Betty Dennis, Associate Dean, Extended University Programs

Procedural Items

Council Chair Ariel Anderson called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

Acceptance of Agenda

Whitehurst moved acceptance of the agenda (as amended), seconded by Ackerson. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Kritzman moved approval of the minutes of 12 February 2013, seconded by Whitehurst. Motion carried.

Action Items – Curriculum Proposals

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

- *Delete the Metalworking minor from the Career and Technical Education Program [CoEHD 327]*
- *Delete the Woodworking minor from the Career and Technical Education Program [CoEHD 327B]*

The rationale for the elimination of each of these minors is the same: Students no longer have access to the technical courses required for this minor, as the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences eliminated these courses several years ago, and they are likewise no longer being offered by community colleges. The elimination of these minors will have no impact on current students. Each was suspended several years ago and stopped admitting new students.

Ackerson moved acceptance of both of these proposals, seconded by Whitehurst. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Items

Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on General Education – William Rantz, Faculty Senate President

Faculty Senate President William Rantz spoke concerning a proposal for an ad hoc committee on general education. The idea for such a committee came out of discussions following the recent Faculty Senate Forum on General Education. Rantz would like to establish membership and charges for the committee as soon as possible.

Assessment in Action Conference

Kritzman and Reinhold addressed the council regarding an upcoming conference on campus regarding Assessment in Action. The conference will be offered 20-22 March, and will feature a keynote address by Dr. Barbara Walvoord, Professor Emerita at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana. A copy of the program can be found at:
http://homepages.wmich.edu/~baldner/wmu_assessment_in_action_days_%20conference_schedule_2013.pdf

Western Student Association Resolution Regarding Syllabus of Record – Dillon Buckland, WSA Academic Affairs Chair

Last month, this council considered a resolution from WSA proposing that faculty develop a syllabus of record for all courses offered at WMU. The council made some suggestions, and Buckland addressed USC today regarding WSA's response to these suggestions. The council suggested that "syllabus of record" suggested something containing details that would change from term to term. So Buckland came seeking suggestions for what term might be appropriate. A wide ranging discussion ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent Baldner