

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL
Tuesday, 9 April 2013, 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

Members present: K. Ackerson, R. Aravamuthan, J. Atkin, K. Baldner, K. Hillenbrand, M. Kritzman, V. Torano, D. Walcott, G. Whitehurst

Absent without substitution: A. Anderson, N. Andreadis, D. Buckland, D. Reinhold, D. Sachs, C. Thralls

Also present: Betty Dennis, Extended University Programs

Procedural Items

Council Vice Chair Marilyn Kritzman called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Acceptance of Agenda

Aravamuthan moved acceptance of the agenda, seconded by Atkins. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Whitehurst moved approval of the minutes of 12 March 2013, seconded by Ackerson. Motion carried.

Chair's Remarks

Kritzman chaired since Anderson was not able to attend. Kritzman noted that Andreadis' retirement reception is April 24th from 4 to 6 p.m. The council thanked him for his service to this council and wished him well.

Action Items

Review of Graduate Studies Council Recommended Revision to the Current Policy on Accelerated Degree Programs to Allow ADP Programs for those Entering Specialist and Doctoral Degree Programs, in Addition to Master's Degree Programs

The Graduate and Undergraduate Studies Councils have been working for several years on details of an Advanced Degree Program which would allow students to begin accumulating credits towards the completion of Masters' degrees while still finishing their undergraduate degrees. This Memorandum of Action recommends that the current program be amended to include entering Specialist and Doctoral graduate Programs. The motion was tabled until a later day.

Election of a Member of the Committee to Oversee General Education

The council voted to elect Tracy DeMars, College of Education and Human Development, to replace Marcia Fetters. The council extended its appreciation to Fetters for her service on this committee.

Selection of a USC Faculty Member to Serve on the Faculty Senate's Committee on the University Strategic Plan

To the council's great relief, Whitehurst volunteered to serve in this capacity.

Discussion/Action Item

Council Charges

Tabled until a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent Baldner