

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE**

**CAMPUS PLANNING AND FINANCE COUNCIL
Minutes of Tuesday, 21 May 2013 at 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center**

Members present: Cheryl Bruey, David Dakin, Richard Gershon, Dean Honsberger, Kieran Fogarty, Harold Glasser, Kathleen Langan, Gary Mathews, William Rantz, Gail Rouscher, Jan Van Der Kley

Guests: Jim Gilchrist, Vice Provost for Budget and Personnel and Chief Information Officer; Linda Poquette, Office of the Vice President for Business and Finance; and Pete Strazdas, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management

Procedural Items

Welcome

William Rantz, acting chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Acceptance of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes of 16 April 2013

A motion was made by Bruey to approve the minutes of 16 April 2013, supported by Glasser. Motion passed.

Acting Chair's Comments – William Rantz

Rantz thanked council members and guests for attending.

Information/Discussion Items

Office of Sustainability Update – Harold Glasser

Glasser provided a thorough presentation on the Office of Sustainability. Glasser reviewed the timeline of activities and reported that WMU is one of 80 sustainability leaders. They have a framework for sustainability, what's taught, how it's taught, model values and commitments.

Glasser reviewed the grant money distribution, how internships were provided and reviewed projects that are occurring. Gardening space was provided by President John Dunn and Vice President Jan Van Der Kley and additional garden space was added on Stadium Drive.

Glasser added that 96 students worked on sustainability the first year. A Student Sustainability Survey is done every year asking students what we should be doing and a Sustainability Across Research and Teaching (StART) Initiative survey was taken by approximately 150 faculty. A bike and pedestrian survey is to be completed in the near future.

Glasser reported on the use of the PV Array (results are on the website) and reviewed collaboration of sustainability efforts with other departments. He closed by stating that a big initiative is to raise money for a true sustainability office.

Rantz stated that he was impressed with all that was done and would like Glasser to update the council this fall in a 10-15 minute presentation.

Capital Outlay Update – David Dakin

Every year we are required to provide a list of projects approved by the Board of Trustees. The list has not changed from the previous year due to the State continuing to signal that there will be no capital outlay money. The list submitted last year has both large and small dollar projects. Some of the projects focus on economic research and development, which is a priority at the State level.

Van Der Kley reported that all projects are required to be listed even though we are not receiving money from the State. A good assortment is included on the list in the event the State has money available for specific projects. Van Der Kley and Dakin provided background information on the capital outlay process and updated everyone and answered questions.

A motion was made by Bruey to endorse the list, Rouscher supported. Motion passed unanimously.

East Hall Committee – William Rantz

Rantz requested an update on East Hall. Dakin complied and reported that they are in the process of hiring an architectural firm. A committee has been formed to give input and provide feedback on the purpose and design. East Hall will be used for the Alumni Center, Development and Alumni Relations, and events. Van Der Kley went over the timeline of taking down and renovating the buildings on East Campus. Cheryl Bruey and Rick Gershon volunteered to represent the council on the East Hall programming committee.

Other Business

No other business.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn at 4:20 p.m. by Honsberger, seconded by Rouscher. Motion passed.

Linda Poquette
Recording Secretary