

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL  
Tuesday, 8 April 2014, 3 p.m.  
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

**Members present:** K. Ackerson, A. Anderson, R. Aravamuthan, J. Atkin, K. Baldner, M. Cahill, L. Coons, K. Hillenbrand, C. Koretsky, M. Kritzman, D. Reinhold, D. Sachs, C. Tremblay, D. Walcott, K. Walker, G. Whitehurst

**Guests:** Jody Brylinsky, associate provost for institutional effectiveness; David Burnie, Academic Program Review and Planning Management Team member (Professor in Finance and Commercial Law); Ann Tyler, BETA Testing Group chair (Professor and Chair of Speech Pathology and Audiology); Bill Warren, Academic Program Review and Planning Management Team member (Professor in History and AAUP vice president); William G. Rantz, Faculty Senate president (Professor in Aviation Science)

**Also present:** Jeanine Bartholomew, academic advising liaison; Betty Dennis, Extended University Programs

**Procedural Items**

Council Chair Ariel Anderson called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. Anderson requested the order of the two agenda items under Information/Discussion/Action be reversed to allow Kent Baldner's resolution to be presented first.

*Acceptance of Agenda*

Acceptance of the agenda as amended was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

*Approval of the Minutes*

Approval of the minutes of 11 March was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

*Chair's Remarks*

Anderson asked Kritzman to report on the 13 March Senate meeting which Kritzman provided.

**Action/Discussion Items**

*Academic Program Review and Planning Resolution*

The resolution from Baldner was sent to all members in advance of the meeting. Baldner presented several concerns he and others had and those were discussed with the council members and its guests. Balder felt there had not been adequate opportunities for faculty to have open discussions about the upcoming academic program review. After lengthy discussion, the council membership felt there should be further discussion of this topic at the 15 May Senate meeting. Senate President William Rantz said the Senate was willing to hold a forum that all faculty were invited to attend for a question and answer session with Brylinsky and members of the Academic Program Review and Planning Management and BETA teams.

Baldner was satisfied and withdrew his resolution with the understanding there would be a forum at the 15 May Senate meeting for all faculty to attend to engage in a question and answer session with Brylinsky and members of the Academic Program Review and Planning Management and BETA teams.

*Draft Proposal for Undergraduate Certificate Programs*

A draft catalog copy (dated 3/30/14) for Undergraduate Certificate Programs was discussed. Although there were still a few issues that need to be addressed pertaining to requirements of the Higher Learning Commission (such as financial aid and the allowed percentage of course work not aligned with the degree) the council felt comfortable with the proposal for undergraduate certificate programs.

Approval was moved and seconded pending resolution of the outstanding issues. Motion carried with one opposing vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office