

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

CAMPUS PLANNING AND FINANCE COUNCIL
Minutes of Tuesday, 16 September 2014, at 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

Faculty Senate President's Comments – C. Dennis Simpson

Simpson welcomed and thanked all members and guests for devoting their time and input to this council. He noted that the councils are working bodies of the Faculty Senate. He is open for questions and provided his office and cell telephone numbers.

Members present: Carol Adams-Shearer (Graduate Student Association), Raja Aravamathan, Cheryl Bauman-Bruey, Todd Barkman, Lyisha Collins (Western Student Association), David Dakin, Kieran Fogarty, Richard Gershon, Lynne Heasley, John Jellies, Denise Keele (for Harold Glasser), C. R. Krishna-Swamy, Kathleen Langan, Pat Langworthy, Gary Mathews, Dennis McCrumb, Colleen Scarff, Jan Van Der Kley and Gay Walker

Guests: Diane Anderson, Vice President for Student Affairs; James Gilchrist, Vice Provost for Budget and Personnel and Chief Information Officer; Judy Gipper, Director of Dining Services; Keith Hearit, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Linda Poquette, Business and Finance; Janice Quakenbush, Director of Business Operations, Student Affairs; C. Dennis Simpson, Faculty Senate President and Patti Van Walbeck, Associate Vice President for Business and Finance

Procedural Items

Welcome

John Jellies, Faculty Senate Executive Board representative and acting chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting at 3 p.m. and introductions followed.

Acceptance of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes of 15 April 2014

A motion was made by Fogarty to approve the minutes of 15 April 2014, supported by Simpson. Motion passed.

Acting Chair's Comments – John Jellies

Jellies began by clarifying some procedural rules: Only voting members can bring up issues and vote; guests are recognized and may join in the discussions; if the chair chooses to vote, there is no tie breaker, and councils are subcommittees and can work on collegial issues. Jellies requested that you follow decorum and everyone will have a chance to weigh in.

Information/Discussion Items

Capital Outlay Projects Priority List – David Dakin

Dakin distributed the Five Year Capital Outlay Plan. The list is made according to priority but Dakin added they are all important. No money is expected from the State for these projects. In response to a question on item 4, the renovation of lab floors 4 and 6 could be accomplished if money becomes available. Dakin noted that projects for the College of Aviation, items 1 and 15, are different programs. One is mechanics and the other is where the mechanics are trained. Decisions on what is to be completed are sometimes made by infrastructure or the criteria of the State. There is a long list that is reviewed to determine what project is completed. The last column on the list notes if the project is eligible from the State. Most are unlikely to receive State funding.

A motion was made by Langworthy to support the WMU Building Priority List for the Five Year Capital Outlay Plan, supported by McCrumb. Motion passed.

New Dining Facility – Diane Anderson, Judy Gipper and Janice Quakenbush

Anderson provided a presentation on the new dining facility that included goals and objectives. Residence Halls Hoekje and Bigelow came down first because they were in the worst shape.

The new dining facility will be a big improvement and should help with retention and recruitment. There are approximately 1,000 seats that includes pockets of places throughout the facility for engagement. Several restaurants are included in the dining facility. Special dietary needs will be met at one of the food stations. The goal is to have the facility considered at least silver-level LEED certified by the U.S. Green Building Council and the plan is to strive for gold with the mechanicals. The dining facility is scheduled to open in 2016.

Dakin presented the project site with a view from each side. He also presented a view with each type of restaurant. He noted that outdoor seating will be available. Langdon added that it is good to see everything come to fruition with the comments from this council in the past year.

Anderson stated that the new facility will replace dining areas currently in the Valleys. Students will have to go outside for meals and the distance is not far. Safer ways are being looked at for crossing the roadway for the students. Dakin and others discussed the path leading from each dorm to the dining facility. Students gave input on walking outside and most were happy with the paths.

There is also access by an elevator for those that cannot use the stairs. The new dining facility is energy efficient and promotes waste reduction in a sustainable way. Students have had a lot of input from the beginning and changes may be incorporated and expanded in the future.

The new facility provides an area for engagement with students, faculty and staff. Bus transportation for both students and faculty will be promoted. In discussion, it was noted that new housing has increased the number of first year students and retention for the second year has increased. It is expected that numbers will go higher.

Anderson thanked the team of staff and students in planning this model.

Council Charges for 2014-15 – C. Dennis Simpson

Simpson began by stating that charges 2, 3 and 6 are cyclical. Charge number 1, budget planning, is new. Budget planning is a great opportunity for council members to give input on the budget when it is rolled out and to provide input on future planning. Changes take place slowly and this is a good place to start. Simpson stressed that the charges are preliminary and they can be changed and expanded. Gershon added that there are opportunities in front of this council to strategically plan for department levels and to provide better input on the budget.

Barkman suggested that within the next year or two the master plan should be reviewed. Dakin and Van Der Kley responded that it is a good idea but costly. Langan would like to see more action items and Simpson added that the council determines what actions should be brought forward. Jellies stated that a lot of the action items are related to charge number one. Scarff will provide a formal presentation on the budget at the next council meeting.

Action Item

Election of Council Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary)

Jellies began by saying the chair will initiate agenda items in a timely manner and will contact those on the agenda. The following motions for officers were then made:

A motion was made by Walker nominating Kieran Fogarty as chair, supported by Gershon. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Langan to nominate herself as vice chair, supported by Walker. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Barkman nominating himself as secretary, supported by Van Der Kley. Motion passed.

Other Business

Mathews would like the director of the Bernhard Center to attend a future council meeting with a report on the renovation of the Bernhard Center.

It was noted that the council can appoint sub committees that would report only to the Campus Planning and Finance Council.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. by Langan, seconded by Walker. Motion passed.

Linda Poquette
Recording Secretary