

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

CAMPUS PLANNING AND FINANCE COUNCIL
Minutes of Tuesday, 15 September 2015 at 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

Members present: Raja Aravamuthan, Todd Barkman, Cheryl Bauman-Bruey, David Dakin, Kieran Fogarty, Richard Gershon, Harold Glasser, Joshua Greenman (Graduate Student Association), C. R. Krishna-Swamy, Pat Langworthy, Kathleen Langan, Gary Mathews, Dennis McCrumb, Colleen Scarff, C. Dennis Simpson, Connor Smith (Western Student Association), Jan Van Der Kley and Gay Walker

Guests: Patti Van Walbeck, Associate Vice President for Business and Finance, and Linda Poquette, Business and Finance

Welcome

Kieran Fogarty, acting chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting at 3 p.m.

Acceptance of the Agenda

A motion was made by Barkman to accept the agenda as presented, supported by Van Der Kley. Motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes of 21 April 2015

A motion was made by Langworthy to approve the minutes of 21 April 2015, supported by McCrumb. Motion passed.

Acting Chair's Comments – Kieran Fogarty

Fogarty thanked the council for their service. The focus for the past year has been on finances. Based on past discussion, it was decided to have more of a campus-wide budget subcommittee to assess incentive-based budget models at WMU. Thirteen individuals were invited to serve on the Campus Planning and Finance Council Subcommittee. Fogarty noted the new committee members: Kelly Ackerson, Todd Barkman, Cheryl Bruey, Barbara Frazier, Kieran Fogarty, Tycho Fredericks, Dawn Gaymer, James Gilchrist, Katherine Joslin, Jerry Kreuze, Sherine Obare, Colleen Scarff, Ann Tyler and Bret Wagner. Fogarty stated that he is attending a conference with Provost Tim Greene that will focus on a responsibility based model. A report from this committee is to be provided at the end of the fiscal year.

Fogarty would like to have one or two more meetings with tours so the council is aware of what is taking place on campus. Also, he would like for the council to move away from the finance planning model so more discussion will take place on what is current on campus.

Faculty Senate President's Comments

Simpson thanked everyone for serving on the Campus Planning and Finance Council. Rick Gershon, vice president of Faculty Senate, will represent the Executive Board on this council.

Information/Discussion Items

Council Charges for 2015-16

Simpson reviewed the charges for 2015-16 and stated that budgeting is a focus this year and the subcommittee report will be important. Charges are directed from the Faculty Senate Executive Board and they can be changed. Modifications may be made through Chair Kieran Fogarty, then to the Faculty Senate Executive Board which will work on requests.

Simpson noted WMU development initiatives are included, as the fund raising process directly affects academic affairs on teaching, research and service. Fogarty will provide input via email and at the meeting as to what the council will focus on for the year.

In response to discussion concerning general education, Simpson stated that an ad hoc committee should be set up to address this issue.

David Dakin – Project Updates

Dakin began with reporting on what is complete: Extended University Programs for Beltline Facility, WMU Icon, Kanley Tower and Western Heights.

Heritage Hall is in the final stages of construction with the grand opening scheduled the day of Homecoming, October 23. The new dining facility is progressing and will be open the fall of 2016. The Goldsworth Valley Enhancement Project is taking place and Dakin will provide an update at a future meeting. Phase II of the WMU Business, Technology and Research Park is in the beginning stages with an open session meeting scheduled for October 1. Also, the Lawson ice sheets have to be replaced and all the mechanicals have to be replaced. This project will begin at the end of the season.

The Wayfinding Study is almost complete. Currently, funding is needed in order for this project to be phased in over the next several years. A suggestion was made that existing maps on campus should designate the current location. Dakin will talk to sign shop about making this notation. The Wayfinding Study also considered other signs on campus such as "no parking signs." Dakin noted that the sign design is controlled by the State of Michigan. Another meeting may be scheduled in November for further input and anyone interested can participate.

Other projects include: The Wesley building to be vacated and torn down, renovation on Stadium Drive apartments (part of Student Affairs master project) and the renovation of Walwood Union to give the Graduate College more space.

The valley dorms are being evaluated by Student Affairs and will meet with Dakin to discuss some housing ideas. The Seibert Administration building is receiving a few updates.

Capital Outlay list is not much different from the previous year. The College of Aviation is still number one. Dakin reminded council members that this is a long term list with the expectation that no funding will be forthcoming this year from the state for any capital outlay projects.

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

Jan Van Der Kley - Updates

Van Der Kley updated the council on enrollment and the actual census came in less than the conservative estimate. The external perception is not good. The budget is driven by enrollment and could have an effect on the bond rate. When it is necessary to issue more debt, the cost increases and less money is available for projects. The Master level shows a decline in enrollment, first-time freshmen are flat, transfers and international students are about the same and the retention rate for freshmen to sophomores stayed the same. Projections were based on an increase and we stayed flat. Enrollment Management will sift through the numbers to determine the cause.

Election of Council Officers

A motion was made by Fogarty to have the same 2014-15 slate of officers continue for 2015-16: Kieran Fogarty as chair; Kathleen Langan as vice chair; and Todd Barkman as secretary, supported by Van Der Kley. Motion passed.

Fogarty stated some agenda items to be initiated are:

- Extend an invitation to May Chang, associate dean, University Libraries, to report to this council
- Request made to Pete Strazdas, associate vice president, Facilities Management to provide a tour of project(s) on campus
- Representation from this council to the Bernhard Center Advisory Committee
- Representation from this council to the BTR Phase II Advisory Committee (six meetings planned with Barkman and Glasser expressing interest)
- Risk Management speaker (Tim Kellogg, director, Business Services)
- WMU Branding speaker (Greg Rosine, vice president, Government Affairs and University Relations).

Van Der Kley added that there is a CPFC budget subcommittee already established and the budget should be included in the charges. Gershon will go back to the Senate Executive Board to include this in the 2015-16 charges.

Adjournment

A motion made to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. by Gay Walker, seconded by Pat Langworthy. Motion passed.

Linda Poquette
Recording Secretary