

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

EXTENDED UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes of 18 February 2019

Members Present: Dawn Anderson, Beth Belachew (Graduate Student Association), Amy Bocko, William Charland, Kimberly Doudna, David Flanagan, Andrew Holmes, Vladimir Risukhin (for Kyle Jehnzen), Edwin Martini, Tammy Morgan, William Rantz, Zoann Snyder, John Spitsbergen, Sarah Summy

Members Absent: Marshall Allen, Bradford Dennis, Annette Hamel, David Meade

Advisory Member Present: Adriana Cardoso Reyes

Guests: none

Chair Flanagan called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m., with a quorum present.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Acceptance of the Agenda

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Rantz, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Charland, seconded by Anderson, to approve the minutes of 14 January 2019 as distributed. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM EXTENDED UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

Martini, Interim Associate Provost of EUP, reported that the Punta Gorda, Florida, campus closure was announced. This campus is projected to close on 31 August 2019. Martini mentioned that housing was just one issue that led to the closure and that student interest in Florida was an issue. Contemporary student interest did not materialize and traditional students wanted more typical campus amenities. Martini stated that the demand for aviation is still high in Kalamazoo and Battle Creek, and that running an aviation program is expensive. Martini stated that there are currently 37 aviation students at the Punta Gorda campus and that five of them are likely to be in a teach-out situation. A plan will be submitted to the Higher Learning Commission, as required. Much of the equipment at that campus will come back to Michigan.

A question was asked about who made the decision, and Martini replied that it was a group decision that included Provost Jennifer Bott and President Edward Montgomery, among others.

Martini stated there is still much to celebrate and invited the council to the EUP Awards Ceremony, scheduled for 25 April from 4 to 6 p.m.

Additionally, Martini mentioned there is a EUP position open in Battle Creek, and several EUP positions will soon be filled.

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

Update on Enrollment for EUP

Martini updated the council regarding enrollment and stated:

- Overall EUP enrollment was up for spring 2019
- Online growth continues, primarily among undergraduate students
- Enrollment in hybrid/face-to-face at regional locations is declining
- Graduate student enrollment is down
- Acceptance rates for graduates students is going up
- Reliance on undergraduates to become graduate students is a problem because overall undergraduate enrollment is declining

Martini provided more specific details about specific regional locations:

- Auburn Hills is up to 12 from 8, should be at 18-20
- Auburn Hills location may phase out and move to the Clinton Township location at Macomb Community College
- Battle Creek is down to 88 students, plan is to move into Aviation campus
- Grand Rapids, both campuses, are very healthy, enrollment is essentially flat
- Lansing enrollment is basically flat
- Macomb enrollment is up slightly
- Southwest enrollment is down slightly
- Traverse City enrollment is down slightly
- Phasing out Muskegon location, waiting for final approval

Student Planned Curriculum (STCJ) Program Deletion

Andy Holmes reported that the course catalog is being cleaned up. There are no students in STCJ; other program codes are used. If students who were in STCJ came back to the University, there are appropriate program codes for these students that currently exist. This program has had no enrollment for quite some time.

It was recommended that a curriculum form be provided to the council so it can vote on this issue.

A motion was made by Spitsbergen for EUP to fill out a curriculum form for deletion of the STCJ program code and provide the proposal to the council; seconded by Summy. Motion carried.

Update on the Budget Model Discussions and Implications for EUP

Martini reported:

- Working group – rules for new budget model hopefully will be written by the end of the semester
- Still talking about the pros and cons of EUP as a service unit
- Revenue allocation – tuition from EUP programs – the big question is what to do with this. It is possible that there will be a split: 75% to the college of instruction 25% to the college of enrollment.
- If EUP is a service unit, some deans are interested in a split between college, EUP, and another budget (program reserve) to launch new programs.

- Some other questions that still need to be answered about the new budget model include:
 - Operations at regional locations currently lose money, under the new budget model, what will deans/chairs want to do with the programs at regional locations?
 - When and how will EUP faculty lines (n = 61) be absorbed by the colleges?

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Doudna, Council Secretary

Recommendation on Dual Enrollment Admissions Criteria

This item was postponed until the March 18 meeting.

Discuss Charge 5: Evaluate and provide input on alternative and innovative learning programs such as middle colleges, on-line dual enrollment, continuing education and professional development courses.

This was postponed until March 18.

Discuss approach and progress of addressing Charge 8: Explore, evaluate, and provide input on issues pertaining to Board-appointed faculty at offsite locations contributing to service and shared governance on campus.

Rantz met with the Faculty Senate Executive Board, which recommended formation of a council subcommittee to address this charge. David Flanagan, Ed Martini, and Andy Holmes are on the new subcommittee; possibly also David Meade.

Semester Goals and March Agenda Items

Discussion was held regarding the council's goals for the semester and agenda items for the March meeting.

Agenda includes:

- SCTJ decision
- Update on dual enrollment
- Dual enrollment recommendation
- Subcommittee report on Charge 8
- Florida teach-out update
- Awards recommendations from that sub-committee

OTHER

EUP Awards

Anderson and Holmes are on a subcommittee to address how to increase nominations. Anyone can nominate, then this council would reach out to potential nominees and encourage the person to apply for an award. A question was raised how to implement and responses included to use the usual sources – eLearning, email, GoWMU. There was a suggestion to possibly change the deadline.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Summy, seconded by Bocko, to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 a.m. Motion carried.