

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE**

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL  
Tuesday, 14 January 2020, 3 p.m.  
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center**

**Members present:** Deanna Bush, Carrie Cumming, Michael Duffy, Clifton Ealy, Bruce Ferrin, Kathryn Hillenbrand, Irma Lopez, David Reinhold (for Provost Jennifer Bott), Dianna Sachs, Daniela Schroeter, Xiaoyun Shao

**Members absent without substitution:** Jessica Birnbaum, Marilyn Kritzman, Kate LaLonde, Rebecca Natale (Western Student Association), Sarah Strathman (Western Student Association)

**Academic Advising Liaison present:** Betsy Drummer

**Advisory Member absent:** Ed Martini

**Guests:** Nic Witschi, Acting Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Marcia Fetters, Associate Dean, College of Education and Human Development; Marilyn Duke, Director, Academic Resource Center; Koorosh Naghshineh, Chair, Claudia Fajardo, and Rick Meyer, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

**Procedural / Informational Items**

Chair Ferrin called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

*Welcome and Introductions*

Those in attendance were welcomed.

*Acceptance of Agenda*

Ealy moved to accept the amended agenda, seconded by Schroeter. Motion carried.

*Approval of the Minutes*

Ealy moved to approve the minutes of 3 December 2019 as written, seconded by Hillenbrand. Motion carried.

*Chair's Comments – Bruce Ferrin*

Ferrin shared a proposal from the Graduate Studies Council requiring that "Request for Program Improvement" forms be fully completed before being forwarded to councils. He also shared an article from the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, "Why Isn't It a No-Brainer to Embed 'Certification' Into Bachelor's Degrees?" Ferrin suggested this may inform future thinking about curriculum proposals.

**Action Items**

**1. Intellectual Skills Program Advisory Committee membership**

Committee Chair Marilyn Duke provided proposed new membership criteria for ISPAC to include a representative from the Writing Within the Disciplines. Hillenbrand moved to approve the proposed membership criteria of the ISPAC, seconded by Lopez. Motion carried with one abstention.

ISPAC has proposed three candidates for membership to fill vacancies. Bush moved to approve the election of Susan Caulfield, interdisciplinary health programs; Maria Gigante, English and faculty fellow, Office of Faculty Development; and Marie Moreno, business information systems, seconded by Cumming. Motion carried.

Ferrin asked for nominations to represent the council on ISPAC. Hillenbrand volunteered to represent the council for spring 2020 only. Schroeter moved to approve the election of Hillenbrand to represent Undergraduate Studies Council on ISPAC. Motion carried.

*Curriculum Proposals – English*

Witschi spoke on behalf of the English proposals.

1. CAS 17-428A: Revise English minor and change title to English minor: Literature and Language (*postponed on 12/3/2019*)

Duffy moved to approve CAS 17-428A: Revise English minor and change title to English minor: Literature and Language, seconded by Hillenbrand. Motion carried with one abstention.

2. CAS 17-451A: Change title of English Liberal Education Curriculum major to English: Literature and Language

Duffy moved to approve CAS 17-451A: Change title of English Liberal Education Curriculum major to English: Literature and Language, seconded by Ealy. Motion carried with one abstention.

*Curriculum Proposals – Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

3. CEAS 19-03: Create a concentration in Solid Mechanics and Structures for the Mechanical Engineering Program
4. CEAS 19-04: Create a concentration in Automotive for the Mechanical Engineering Program

Naghshineh, Fajardo and Meyer were in attendance from the department and presented the proposals. Cumming asked that catalog copy be revised to include all required courses for each concentration.

CEAS 19-03: Create a concentration in Solid Mechanics and Structures for the Mechanical Engineering Program and CEAS 19-04: Create a concentration in Automotive for the Mechanical Engineering Program were postponed pending receipt of revised catalog copy.

5. CEAS 19-05: Create a new minor in Mechanical Engineering

Hillenbrand recommended that additional data be provided to demonstrate student interest in and demand for the proposed minor.

CEAS 19-05: Create a new minor in Mechanical Engineering was postponed pending receipt of learning outcomes and revised proposal.

The following 23 proposals are part of a restructuring of the secondary education program. Fetters and Witschi spoke regarding the restructuring.

6. History – CAS 17-367: Delete History minor - Secondary Education  
Lopez moved to approve CAS 17-367: Delete History minor - Secondary Education, seconded by Bush. Motion carried with one abstention.

7. Geological and Environmental Sciences – CAS 17-378: Delete Earth Science - Secondary Education major

Lopez moved to approve CAS 17-378: Delete Earth Science - Secondary Education major, seconded by Bush. Motion carried with one abstention.

8. Political Science – CAS 17-383: Delete Political Science - Secondary Education major

9. Political Science – CAS 17-384: Delete Political Science - Secondary Education minor

Lopez moved to approve CAS 17-383: Delete Political Science - Secondary Education major and CAS 17-384: Delete Political Science - Secondary Education minor, seconded by Bush. Motion carried with one abstention.

10. Physics – CAS 17-390: Delete Physics Secondary Education major and Pre-Physics Secondary Education major

11. Physics – CAS 17-391: Delete Physics Secondary Education minor

Lopez moved to approve CAS 17-390: Delete Physics Secondary Education major and Pre-Physics Secondary Education major and CAS 17-391: Delete Physics Secondary Education minor, seconded by Bush. Motion carried with one abstention.

12. Biological Sciences – CAS 17-395: Delete Biology Secondary Education major and Pre-Biology Secondary Education major

13. Biological Sciences – CAS 17-396: Delete Biology Secondary Education minor

Lopez moved to approve CAS 17-395: Delete Biology Secondary Education major and Pre-Biology Secondary Education major and CAS 17-396: Delete Biology Secondary Education minor, seconded by Bush. Motion carried with one abstention.

14. World Languages and Literatures – CAS 17-404: Delete Arabic minor - Secondary Education

15. World Languages and Literatures – CAS 17-405: Delete Chinese minor - Secondary Education

16. World Languages and Literatures – CAS 15-406: Delete French major - Secondary Education

17. World Languages and Literatures – CAS 17-407: Delete French minor - Secondary Education

18. World Languages and Literatures – CAS 17-408: Delete German major - Secondary Education

19. World Languages and Literatures – CAS 17-409: Delete German minor - Secondary Education

20. World Languages and Literatures – CAS 17-410: Delete Japanese minor - Secondary Education

Lopez moved to approve CAS 17-404: Delete Arabic minor - Secondary Education, CAS 17-405: Delete Chinese minor - Secondary Education, CAS 15-406: Delete French major - Secondary Education, CAS 17-407: Delete French minor - Secondary Education, CAS 17-408: Delete German major - Secondary Education, CAS 17-409: Delete German minor - Secondary Education, CAS 17-

410: Delete Japanese minor - Secondary Education, seconded by Bush. Motion carried with one abstention.

21. Chemistry – CAS 17-415: Delete Secondary Education Chemistry major

22. Chemistry – CAS 17-455: Delete Chemistry minor - Secondary Education

Lopez moved to approve CAS 17-415: Delete Secondary Education Chemistry major and CAS 17-455: Delete Chemistry minor - Secondary Education, seconded by Bush. Motion carried with one abstention.

23. Spanish – CAS 17-420: Delete Spanish major - Secondary Education

Lopez moved to approve CAS 17-420: Delete Spanish major - Secondary Education, seconded by Bush. Motion carried with one abstention.

24. English – CAS 17-420: Delete English major - Secondary Education

25. English – CAS 17-454: Delete English minor for Secondary Education

Lopez moved to approve CAS 17-420: Delete English major - Secondary Education and CAS 17-454: Delete English minor for Secondary Education, seconded by Bush. Motion carried with one abstention.

26. Geography – CAS-17-362A: Change title of minor from Geography: Social Studies Secondary Education to Social Studies: Geography

Lopez moved to approve CAS-17-362A: Change title of minor from Geography: Social Studies Secondary Education to Social Studies: Geography, seconded by Bush. Motion carried with one abstention.

27. History – CAS-17-369A: Change title of major from History: Social Studies Secondary Education to Social Studies: History

Lopez moved to approve CAS-17-369A: Change title of major from History: Social Studies Secondary Education to Social Studies: History, seconded by Bush. Motion carried with one abstention.

28. Mathematics – CAS-17-392A: Change title of major from Mathematics: Secondary Education to Teaching and Learning Mathematics

Lopez moved to approve CAS-17-392A: Change title of major from Mathematics: Secondary Education to Teaching and Learning Mathematics, seconded by Bush. Motion carried with one opposed and one abstention.

#### **Information/Discussion Item**

1. *Prior Learning Assessment*

Ferrin noted that this will be a future topic of discussion for both Undergraduate and Graduate Studies Councils.

#### **Other**

None

#### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ferrin, seconded by Ealy. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dianna E. Sachs