

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL
Tuesday, 11 February 2020, 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

Members present: Deanna Bush, Carrie Cumming, Michael Duffy, Ruby Eagle (Western Student Association), Clifton Ealy, Bruce Ferrin, Kathryn Hillenbrand, Marilyn Kritzman, Kate LaLonde, Irma Lopez, Dave Reinhold (for Provost Jennifer Bott), Dianna Sachs, Daniela Schroeter, Xiaoyun Shao

Members absent without substitution: Jessica Birnbaum, Riley Lukomski (WSA)

Academic Advising Liaison present: Betsy Drummer

Advisory Member present: Ed Martini

Guests: Louann Bierlein Palmer, Graduate Studies Council; Koorosh Naghshineh, Chair, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering; Marilyn Duke, Director, Academic Resource Center

Procedural / Informational Items

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

Welcome and Introductions

A welcome was extended to those in attendance.

Acceptance of Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Schroeter moved to approve the minutes of 14 January 2020 as written, seconded by Eagle. Motion carried.

Chair's Comments – Bruce Ferrin

The Faculty Senate approved MOA-19/06 Creation of Final Exam Policy.

Action Items

1. *MOA-20/02 Revision to Create Faculty-Driven Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Opportunities for Undergraduate Programs – Louann Bierlein Palmer*
The council reviewed draft MOA-20/02 provided by the Graduate Studies Council and discussed how this could be modified to apply to undergraduate education. Based on discussion, Ferrin will draft a Memorandum of Action for consideration by the council prior to the 10 March council meeting. Voting will be postponed until the March council meeting.

Curriculum Proposal – Statistics (postponed on 12 November 2019)

2. *CAS 17-389-REVISED: Create accelerated graduate degree program in Data Science*

Having received the requested revised proposal, Ealy moved to approve CAS 17-389-REVISED: Create accelerated graduate degree program in Data Science, seconded by Lopez. Motion carried with one abstention.

Curriculum Proposals – Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

3. *CEAS 19-03-REVISED: Create a concentration in Solid Mechanics and Structures for the Mechanical Engineering Program (postponed on 14 January 2020 pending receipt of revised catalog copy)*

Having received the requested revised catalog copy, Ealy moved to approve CEAS 19-03-REVISED: Create a concentration in Solid Mechanics and Structures for the Mechanical Engineering Program, seconded by Hillenbrand. Motion carried with one abstention.

4. *CEAS 19-04-REVISED: Create a concentration in Automotive for the Mechanical Engineering Program (postponed on 14 January 2020 pending receipt of revised catalog copy)*

Having received the requested revised catalog copy, Eagle moved to approve CEAS 19-04-REVISED: Create a concentration in Automotive for the Mechanical Engineering Program, seconded by Schroeter. Motion carried with one abstention.

5. *CEAS 19-05-REVISED: Create a new minor in Mechanical Engineering (postponed on 14 January 2020 pending receipt of learning outcomes and revised proposal)*

Having received the requested learning outcomes and revised proposal, Ealy moved to approve CEAS 19-05-REVISED: Create a new minor in Mechanical Engineering, seconded by Eagle. Motion carried with one abstention.

Other

Marilyn Duke reminded council members that the Essential Studies Launch Celebration will be held in the Bernhard Center East Ballroom on 30 March from 3 to 5 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianna E. Sachs