

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE**

**EXTENDED UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS COUNCIL
Minutes of 17 February 2020**

Members present: Dawn Anderson (acting chair), Diana Charnley (graduate student representative), Brad Dennis (for Amy Bocko), Ed Martini, David Meade, Tammy Morgan, Zoann Snyder, Paul Solomon

Members absent: Kimberly Doudna, Annette Hamel, Andrew Holmes, Bidyut Hazarika, Kyle Jehnzen, Nicholas Dilillo (undergraduate student representative), William Rantz, John Spitsbergen

Advisory member absent: Adriana Cardoso Reyes

Acting Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. She discussed the importance of this transitional time for the council and called for faculty to stand up and be present.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Acceptance of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve minutes from the 13 January 2020 meeting was made by Snyder; Martini seconded. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM

Review and Select Charges to be Addressed at the 16 March Meeting

Suggested topics for discussion in March included:

- External opportunities, perhaps invite Andrew Nieboer, Director of Market Research/Strategy, WMUx (Extended University Programs)
- Charge #5 Address instructional process, and any instructional issues of the WMU Regional Locations. – the number of locations will decrease
- Charge #6 Explore, evaluate, and provide input on issues pertaining to Board-appointed faculty at offsite locations contributing to service and shared governance on campus.
- Charge #7 Review award procedures and make recommendations on applications for the Extended University Program Innovative Teaching and Community Engagement Awards. – WMUx will be celebrating these on April 22, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Heritage Hall.

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Report on how EUP Presentation to the Faculty Senate Executive Board on 14 February was received, and any action

As a result of discussions at earlier council meetings regarding upcoming changes in EUP, Faculty Senate Executive Board representative William Rantz had

requested an invitation to Associate Provost Martini to discuss the future role of this council and continued work with EUP.

Two procedural topics were discussed:

- University Studies – that will become a new entity, working with OneWMU. As the reporting structure will look different, it was asked if staff will move over to One WMU. Advisors are likely to stay where they are, doing essentially the same work.
- Connection between the Faculty Senate's Academic and Information Technology Council and EUPC; EUPC would likely cease to be.

Update on Grand Rapids Open House and Celebration of Partnership with Grand Rapids Community College on 13 February

An open house was held at the Advanced Manufacturing Partnership Laboratory, AMP Lab @ WMU, in downtown Grand Rapids and was well attended by alumni, students and faculty. Remarks were given by Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jennifer Bott, Associate Provost Ed Martini, Autocam Medical General Manager John Kennedy, and President of Grand Rapids Community College Bill Pink. Articulation agreements were signed at GRCC. Topics of discussion included AMP Lab, cyber security, dual enrollment capacity and the Grand Rapids Promise coming online. Paul Plotkowski, Dean of Padnos College of Engineering and Computing, Grand Valley State University, had reached out to WMU to pursue possibilities, and a visit was made to Allendale in response.

Update on when EUP awards will be presented

Nominations for the awards are due in a week.

REPORT FROM EXTENDED UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

Report from Martini:

- A campus-wide announcement was made on 14 February by Provost Bott regarding the evolution and transformation of EUP, including a new name of WMUx. It will collaboratively imagine, design and realize ideas that transform and enhance the learning experience.
- Discussion included plans for a team to conduct a listening tour this semester across campus at college-level meetings, workshops grounded in design thinking and how best to serve faculty, staff and students. WMUx is working with the Office of Information Technology to unify procedures.
- Office of Faculty Development – potential structural changes are coming, including a new full-time director to be hired from within WMU.
- WMUx is marketing a new program and developing strategies, working closely with chairs and colleges on a case-by-case basis, which, under the new budget model, will unfold at the college level.
- Regional locations update:
 - Battle Creek site will move in with the airport.
 - Macomb has a foothold in Detroit
 - Traverse City – freshwater program is struggling; become more of a 2+2 program

- Benton Harbor – changes, M.S. in Social Work will last a while.
 - Grand Rapids is the most active location.
- There is an attack on education, including student loans and student debt. We don't agree nationwide as to the purpose of an education.
- Market research is now being provided for all of campus, which can address, for example, the external demand for a program.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Solomon