

Unit Communication Notes
Faculty Senate Meeting
May 10, 2018

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Senate Executive Board Report (Suzan Ayers, Faculty Senate President)

-Since the Faculty Senate last met, we have learned of the passing of:

- Walter Brunhumer, professor emeritus of History
- Stephen Jones, professor emeritus of Music
- John Norman, associate professor emeritus of History

-Two new Faculty Senators were welcomed:

- Steven Bertman, Institute of the Environment and Sustainability
- Ryan Lewis, Frostic School of Art

-Jellies provided an update from General Counsel Carrick Craig about the guidelines related to faculty concerns about the use of online resources students are using for sharing exams, quizzes, notes, etc. in response to a concern from the Professional Concerns Committee.

http://wmich.edu/sites/default/files/other/u370/2018/GUIDELINES%20FOR%20FACULTY%20REGARDING%20ONLINE%20FILE%20SHARING_0.pdf

-The creation of a video tutorial that gives instruction on the electronic course change process created by Director Bret Wagner was announced. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QCTsf1BxWCsA8-pH1YYNOzrXCfFWqzfn/view>

-Ayers provided brief council and committee updates

- *Campus Planning and Finance Council* was briefed on various campus construction projects that are underway as well as those in the design stage; faculty participation in the early planning for parts of the South Neighborhood development is gratefully acknowledged and embraces the spirit of shared governance.
- *Extended University Programs Council* has approved new eLearning standards and is working with the Executive Board to approve adoption of the new standards.
- *Graduate Studies Council* has completed its work to review curriculum proposals this year, and is continuing to examine potential revisions to graduate procedures to better support faculty and student success.
- *Undergraduate Studies Council* has been evaluating curriculum proposals, developing an administrative process for review of courses seeking a formal designation as a service learning course, working with the Division of Student Affairs on how information about curriculum is used in WMU's efforts to recruit and retain undergraduate students, and reviewing the role statement.
- *Ad Hoc General Education Logistics Committee* has completed its charges and submitted its final report last month, therefore ending its service. The *WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee*, approved at the April Senate meeting, has begun the work of overseeing the new WMU Essential Studies curriculum.

- *Transfer of Credit Committee* has begun discussions of how WMU might be able to accept credits from Career and Technical Education programs around the state.

-Ayers summarized the year's key accomplishments of the Faculty Senate.

- The Senate councils and committees, comprised of over 400 voluntary faculty, administrators, students, and staff, have over the past academic year, processed five Memoranda of Action including:
 - Revision to Advising Directors General Education Substitution Authority
 - Revision of WMU General Education Curriculum
 - Amendments to the WMU Essential Studies Learning Outcomes
 - Adoption of the course approval criteria for proposed WMU Essential Studies courses
 - Adoption of the student requirements for the WMU Essential Studies curriculum
- Created the WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee to oversee and assess the curriculum, and submitted a tentative timeline for WMU Essential Studies implementation.

-Faculty teaching a class online or at a regional location are encouraged to consider applying for the Extended University Programs innovative teaching or community engagement awards. Details are available at: <https://wmich.edu/extended/awards>

-The Faculty Senate and the Office of the President, will be co-hosting the annual Faculty Retirement Recognition Dinner on May 21. We will be honoring 25 recent faculty retirees.

Kahler Schuemann, WMU President's Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees on behalf of President Edward Montgomery Remarks

Medieval Congress

- 53rd event, 4 days, 3,000 scholars in attendance
- Soccer field transformed into footprint of castle

Search news

- Provost: 3 finalists visited campus the end of April and search should conclude shortly
- Vice President for Marketing and Strategic Communication: 3 finalists, search should conclude soon
- Admissions Director: 2 candidates being interviewed
- Dr. Martha Warfield, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion, will be retiring end of July. A search will be starting soon with an aggressive timeline.

College of Health and Human Services Dean

Dr. Ron Cisler, Interim Dean of College of Health Services at the University of Wisconsin, will begin at WMU August 1.

WMU Homer Stryker MD School of Medicine

The first class of 48 students will graduate May 13 at 2 p.m. Public open house at WMed campus on Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Phi Kappa Phi

WMU is one of three finalists for the organization's 2018 Excellence in Innovation Award. Comes with \$100,000 award. The winner will be announced May 21.

Faculty Accolades

- *Dr. Alan Kehew*-geological and environmental sciences has co-edited *Quaternary Glaciation of the Great Lakes Region*

- *Drs. G. Michael Grammer* (former WMU faculty), *William B. Harrison, III*- professor emeritus-geosciences, and *David A. Barnes*-professor emeritus-geosciences have co-edited *Paleozoic Stratigraphy and Resources of the Michigan Basin*

Student Accolades

WMU Advertising and Promotion Students-2nd place in their division in the District 6 American Advertising Federation's National Student Advertising Competition. Presenters included *Kiana Bailey* (best presenter award), *Sara Buckle*, *Alex Gutierrez-Spencer*, and *David Hughey*.

Suzan Ayers Presidency

Schuemann acknowledged the efforts and contributions of Ayers to the Faculty Senate and larger campus community.

Questions for Dr. Schuemann

Q: Cooley law school has been in the press lately; how are we protecting ourselves?

A: The upper administration is monitoring the press and communicating with Cooley. Everyone finds the negative press disturbing and WMU is working on how to collaborate with Cooley.

WMU Interim Provost Susan Stapleton Remarks

-Student, *Erika Calvo* has been awarded a *National Science Academy post-doctoral fellowship* under Dr. Christine Byrd-Jacobs' mentorship.

-Stapleton thanked faculty for their participation in *graduation*

-The past year's focus on *diversity and inclusion-search committee training* has resulted in more than 500 individuals being trained. Bob Miller collaborated on Carnegie engagement.

-*D/E/Withdraw/Incomplete* grades in gateway courses are being used to identify at-risk populations in order to improve persistence and student success.

-*Summer registration* will begin with advisors scheduling students for full loads of 16 credit hours based on studies showing greater success than when students enroll with fewer credit hours.

-WMU has become a *JED campus* (<https://www.jedcampus.org/>) which relates to resources available for students' mental and emotional health.

-100 peer leaders have been hired for the *Success@WMU* initiative

-WMU now has graduates of the signature program, effective spring 2018 graduation

-Reduced textbook costs have been achieved by collaboration with university libraries

-WMU has signed an institutional *articulation agreement with Kellogg Community College*

-*WMU Essential Studies funding* has been allocated in the Academic Affairs budget to support a faculty administrator position for the new curriculum

Questions for Interim Provost Stapleton

Q: How do you measure persistence?

A: The rate at which students complete semester-to-semester and year-to-year. PELL grant-eligible students persist at a higher rate than those who are not PELL-eligible. WMU PELL-eligible students persist at a higher rate than the national average.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolutions were presented in honor of:

Emeritus Richard de Peaux (Suzan Ayers, Faculty Senate President)

Emeritus James Gilchrist (C. Dennis Simpson, Faculty Senate Director)

Retiree Cheryl Roland (Suzan Ayers, Faculty Senate President)

INFORMATION ITEMS

Remarks of 2016-18 Faculty Senate President Suzan Ayers

President Ayers stated that it has been her honor and privilege to serve as Faculty Senate President. The last two years have been challenging, fulfilling, and exceedingly interesting. Wise leaders know that staff makes the magic happen, which is particularly true for the Faculty Senate and the effective administration of the office by these two amazing women. While *Sue Davenport* would rather have a root canal than have me do this, her nearly 40 years in the Faculty Senate office have provided a stable base of support for a multitude of Senate leaders. Thank you for your patience, Sue.

Sue Brodasky, while shorter of term than Mrs. Davenport, has assumed leadership of the office and brought new ideas and approaches, as well as a breadth of technological skills that have enhanced the Senate operations. Sue has demonstrated an amazing capacity to read my mind and know without asking what I was trying to say. Ladies, between the two of you, I looked imminently competent, so thank you.

I owe an immense thanks to the *Executive Board* for all the support and balance required to make the progress we have made in the last two years. It would be impossible to preside over the Faculty Senate without strong campus leaders willing to sacrifice so much for the greater good. I owe each of these colleagues, individually and as a group, deep and sincere thanks.

I want to thank the members of *each Faculty Senate council and committee* for their service to the University. These bodies are the lifeblood of the Senate, so service in this capacity is essential to our contribution to shared governance.

Each *senator* serves an important role in our campus life; you represent your units and share their concerns with us as well as take the work of this body back to them. That process is essential and so valuable for the effective operation of our campus. Thank you!

In closing, I want to speak to our partners in shared governance. Working with student partners from *Western Student Association* and *Graduate Student Association* has been an honor and a privilege. Similarly, the opportunity to collaborate with many members of the *administration* to advance the mission and interests of the faculty has provided me a new and hopeful perspective on the University.

I end these comments by sharing what an impact my regular meetings and myriad interactions with *President Edward Montgomery* have had on me. I think WMU has found the path to our future and I am excited for us. Serving as your president has been an honor and a pleasure. I am grateful to each of you and thank you again for your service to our campus and your role in the great things we have looking forward.

Recognition of the 2016-18 Senators (Suzan Ayers, Faculty Senate President)

Acknowledgment was given to the Faculty Senators completing their term of service:

- Brett Geier, Educational Leadership, Research and Technology
- Gregory Veeck, Geography
- William Liou, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
- Ken Prewitt, Music
- Jesse Smith, Sociology
- Kristal Ehrhardt, Special Education and Literacy Studies

- Sandra Glista, Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences
- Tetyana Koshmanova, Teaching, Learning and Educational Studies
- Peter Blickle, World Languages and Literatures
- C. Dennis Simpson, Representative-at-Large

Recognition of 2016-18 Faculty Senate President (Janet Hahn, Faculty Senate Vice President-Elect)
 Tonight Faculty Senate President Suzan Ayers concludes her 2016-18 term as Faculty Senate President. President Ayers has led the Senate with a strong dedication to shared governance of WMU. I appreciate her passion, persistence, and attention to detail in the past two years. Additional comments were made.
Presentation of gavel

WMU Essential Studies Update (Sarah Summy, Chair, WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee)
 Summy thanked *Ad Hoc* General Education Design Committee and the *Ad Hoc* General Education Logistics Committee, shared the roster of the newly-formed committee, and reviewed the newly-posted website (<http://www.wmich.edu/facultysenate/wmuessentialstudies>). The committee will be meeting twice a month all summer to finalize the procedures for WMU Essential Studies course proposals in the fall.

Questions for Summy:

Q: The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) curriculum committee changed processes such that new courses were to be submitted in April. How to submit to WES courses has not been communicated.

A: Ayers indicated a failure on her part to communicate clearly on timeframe. She encouraged incoming Senate leadership to reach out to CAS.

A: Chair Leigh Ford clarified the CAS curriculum committee set an earlier due date for changes to non-WES courses and programs. The WES courses are a different process, and will be submitted in September with the Senate Executive Board-extended due date at the end of December. All course change proposals will use the existing electronic process.

Q: Will the current electronic form change to include WES instead of general education?

A: Ayers indicated yes, that form revision process is underway but not yet available.

ADJOURNMENT

Faculty Senate President Suzan Ayers adjourned the 2017-18 Senate meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Faculty Senate Vice President Janet Hahn called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Remarks of the 2018-20 Faculty Senate Vice President – Janet Hahn

I look forward to serving as vice president of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate. Since Faculty Senate President Rick Gershon is out of the country, I have the honor of presiding over the first session of the year. Seven years ago, when I became a board appointed contract faculty member in the College of Health and Human Services, I did not envision this important role of service. However, I am pleased to be able to apply my skills and experience to help steer the direction of this fine university in my hometown of Kalamazoo. I look forward to a year of active participation of all faculty senators and I hope more of you will express interest in serving on the Executive Board. We need to continue to work together to improve the lives of our students and improve our local and global communities.

Introduction and Welcome of New Senators (Janet Hahn, Faculty Senate Vice President)

Appreciation was expressed to all re-elected Senators:

- Dae Kim, Blindness and Low Vision Studies
- Rudolf Siebert, Comparative Religion
- John Kapenga, Computer Science
- Joyashish Thakurta, Geological and Environmental Sciences
- Zeljka Vidic, Human Performance and Health Education
- Lori Gray, Interdisciplinary Health Programs
- John Petrovic, Mathematics
- Austin Tazzia, Military Science and Leadership
- Yvonne Ford, Nursing
- Antonio Isea, Spanish
- Dave Nofsinger, Theatre
- Osama Abudayyeh, Representative-at-Large
- Peter Krawutschke, Emeriti Council

Welcome to new Senators:

- David Szabla, Educational Leadership, Research and Technology
- Lisa DeChano-Cook, Geography
- Parviz Merati, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
- Yu-Lien The, Music
- Vyacheslav Karpov, Sociology
- Susan Piazza, Special Education and Literacy Studies
- Heidi Douglas-Vogley, Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences
- Paul Vellom, Teaching, Learning, and Educational Studies
- Vivan Steemers, World Languages and Literatures
- Decker Hains, Representative-at-Large
- Keith Hearit, Representative-at-Large
- Staci Perryman-Clark, Representative-at-Large

-New and continuing Senators were reminded that as a departmental/unit representative, it is their responsibility to report on Senate meetings to departments/units.

ACTION ITEMS

Election of Executive Board Directors (Janet Hahn)

In keeping with Senate practice and in consultation with the nomination committee, the following people have been nominated to the Executive Board for two-year terms, returning Directors:

- Osama Abudayyeh, Engineering and Applied Sciences
- Carla Chase, Health and Human Services
- John Jellies, Arts and Sciences
- Bret Wagner, Business

And new Director:

- Marilyn Kritzman, Arts and Sciences

The ballot of nominees was **approved by acclamation** from the Senate members.

Election of Council Members (Janet Hahn)

The council membership ballots were distributed. The ballot for single nominees was approved by acclamation from the Senate members. The following were elected to three-year terms, unless otherwise noted:

Academic and Information Technology Council

- Donald Alexander, Arts and Sciences (1-year)
- German Zarate-Sandez, Arts and Sciences (2-year)
- Derrick McIver, Business
- Pavel Ikononov, Engineering and Applied Sciences
- Jeremiah Downes, Fine Arts (2-year)
- Geraldine Rinna, Unaffiliated

Campus Planning and Finance Council

- Udaya Wagle, Arts and Sciences
- Geoffrey Lindenberg, Aviation (2-year)
- Patricia Vander Meer, Unaffiliated

Extended University Programs Council

- John Spitsbergen, Arts and Sciences
- Dawn Anderson, Health and Human Services
- Kimberly Doudna, Representative-at-Large
- Lisa Singleterry, Representative-at-Large

Graduate Studies Council

- Clifton Ealy, Arts and Sciences (1-year)
- Julie Apker, Arts and Sciences
- Louann Bierlein Palmer, Representative-at-Large
- Mary Z. Anderson, Representative-at-Large

International Education Council

- Jim Whittles, Aviation
- Igor Fedotov, Fine Arts

Research Policies Council

- Andre Venter, Arts and Sciences
- Onur Arugasan, Business
- Chris Coryn, Education and Human Development
- Susan Steuer, Unaffiliated

Undergraduate Studies Council

- Kathryn Hillenbrand, Health and Human Services
- Dianna Sachs, Unaffiliated

The ballot for those seats where there were two or more nominees were distributed. The following were elected to three-year terms:

Campus Planning and Finance Council

- Valerian Kwigizile, Engineering and Applied Sciences

International Education Council

- Chansheng He, Arts and Sciences
- David Huffman, Arts and Sciences

Undergraduate Studies Council

- Michael Duffy, Representative-at-Large

It was noted that four of the councils will meet next week and newly elected members are expected to begin their terms immediately.

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC CONCERNS

Discussion covered the following questions and statements:

Q: College of Business expressed concern about *connection to wifi*. Dean Satish Deshpandi has upgraded the routers but the highway into the building is the problem.

A: Chief Information Officer Tom Wolf indicated Office of Information Technology is working hard on Schneider Hall. The building and pipes running to the building are known problems. WMU has created a lifecycle project to address the weakest parts of campus. This is an uphill battle, challenged by funding. Top priority is wireless.

Q: *Book order troubles* with Follett. The website does not seem to be able to handle certain selections and there is no place to put comments.

A: Jan Van Der Kley, Vice President for Business and Finance, suggested contacting Dennis Brooks, bookstore manager. Follett is also offering on-line sources, too.

ADJOURNMENT

Faculty Senate Vice President Janet Hahn noted that the 2018-19 meeting dates would be established over the summer, with the first meeting to be held in October. She adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.