
**EXECUTIVE BOARD
Minutes of 25 July 2025****Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Executive Board was called to order at 10:30 a.m. on 25 July 2025, in Ellsworth Hall room 3201 and via Webex, by Amy Naugle, president.

Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Osama Abudayyeh, Kimberly Buchholz, Kieran Fogarty, Wanda Hadley, Janet Hahn, Amy Naugle, David Rudge, C. Dennis Simpson, Laura Teichert

Member Absent: Anthony DeFulio

Parliamentarian in Attendance: Decker Hains

Guest: Mary Lagerwey, Chair, Emeriti Council; Stan Robins, Emeriti Council

Recording Secretary in Attendance: Sue Brodasky, Administrator; Magnolia Little, Administrative Assistant II

Quorum

A quorum was present with nine members in attendance, of the six needed to establish quorum.

Agenda

President Naugle added a New Business Item to receive the Academic and Information Technology Council and the Graduate Studies Council year-end reports.

It was moved by Rudge, seconded by Hadley, to accept the agenda as amended. The motion carried.

Minutes

It was moved by Rudge, seconded by Simpson, to approve the 11 July 2025 minutes as provided. The motion carried.

Emeriti Council

Emeriti Council Chair Lagerwey led discussion on the following topics.

- Faculty Senate bylaws change added the Emeriti Council but the language was intentionally vague. She is seeking clarity on available support.
- When asked Lagerwey indicated the purpose of the Emeriti Council is to:
 - Keep emeriti connected to the University
 - Sponsor three Medallion Scholarships
 - Sponsor a book scholarship
 - Continue to work with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute that was originally initiated by the Emeriti Council, but has since become its own organization
- When asked Lagerwey indicated that the Emeriti Council does not have a constitution or bylaws.
- Historically, the Emeriti Council was provided \$2,000 annual funding from the provost office. Additionally, a staff member had been designated to support the Emeriti Council. Throughout the Covid pandemic, and staffing changes, both resources were eliminated. It is unclear at this time if funding will be reinstated. It is believed that staffing support from the provost office will remain unavailable. The Emeriti Council would like to determine if the Faculty Senate could provide staffing support.
 - Staffing support would include:
 - Event support for the second Wednesday of the month presenter meetings that typically host 10 emeriti in attendance; the recently reinstated annual breakfast that emeriti will pay \$10 per plate but the invited administrators are not being charged; and the currently discontinued Faculty Retirement Dinner that had previously been co-hosted by the Faculty Senate and provost office. Without the faculty that are retiring being recognized, the emeriti have no event to gather.
 - Information Technology support. The Development office recently assisted with the breakfast event notifications; however, it did not go as planned.

- Notification to the emeriti regarding changes to access of on-line and in-person resources of the University
 - Ongoing communication to the emeriti.
- Lagerwey asked for an opportunity to address the Faculty Senate to solicit for membership in the Emeriti Council, to be coordinated with the Senate election schedule. There are currently six members, of which only three are active. A lot of members lost interest during the Covid pandemic. It was question if it is designed to be inclusive of emeriti that have moved out of the area.

President Naugle acknowledged that the Emeriti Council is scheduled for inclusion in President Kavalhuna's listening sessions. Lagerwey indicated that they have been scheduled for an individual meeting with President Kavalhuna as well.

President Naugle asked Lagerwey to draft a document outlining the Emeriti Council needs including resources and monthly tasks. She indicated to be specific with the staff time needed for support, and a list of IT issues to be addressed.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of establishing the Emeriti Council as a council of the Faculty Senate. The Emeriti Council is in favor of this action. It was noted that such a change will require a constitution and bylaws change. It was stated that before such action could be considered resource allocation would need to be reviewed. Several suggestions were made for consideration to include the Emeriti Council within the Senate. It was suggested that an Ad Hoc committee be established to research and recommend a course of action. Further discussion is scheduled for the next Executive Board meeting.

Reports of Officers

President Naugle reported:

- President Kavalhuna's calendar is very full and there are concerns of coordination.
- President Naugle and President Kavalhuna meet to formulate the first meeting of the Transition Team as well as the Listening Sessions. The Listening Sessions schedule is being adjusted but the first target audience remains staff.

Vice President Simpson reported:

- At their meeting the Provost provided additional information on enrollment.

New Business

It was moved by Rudge, seconded by Abudayyeh, to receive the Academic and Information Technology Council and the Graduate Studies Council year-end reports. The motion carried.

President Naugle opened discussion for suggested topics at the 8 August retreat for President Kavalhuna. The following suggestions were made:

- Clarity on experiential learning and what office/who will be leading the effort
- Artificial Intelligence on campus
- Strategic Resource Management budget model changes across the University
- Focus the discussion on the role of Senate and shared governance
 - Brodasky was asked to draft documentation to provide to President Kavalhuna prior to the meeting

Brodasky noted that due to the change in the Constitution and Bylaws, councils are no longer holding annual May meetings and suggested that the due date for year-end reports be changed to 30 May. It was moved by Rudge, seconded by Abudayyeh, to change year-end report due date to 30 may. The motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Brodasky distributed the list of council and committee vacancies sorted by college. President Naugle will contact the deans to seek volunteers.

President Naugle reviewed the proposed 8 August retreat agenda and asked for suggestions. Brodasky was asked to produce a list of administrators for consideration to align with the University Strategic Plan topics.

Simpson left the meeting at 11:50

Reports of Councils and Committees

None.

Announcements

President Naugle asked the Executive Board directors to consider running for Faculty Senate President or Vice President, or to provide suggested names for nomination.

Brodasky announced that President Naugle, due to the academic calendar, changed the May Faculty Senate meeting date to 30 April.

Adjournment

President Naugle adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m. The Executive Board will meet next on 8 August 2025 at 8 a.m. in the Student Center, room 2209 in-person only.

Approval

Submitted Sue Brodasky, Faculty Senate Administrator

Minutes were approved 8 August 2025.