

**CAMPUS PLANNING AND FINANCE COUNCIL  
Minutes of 18 October 2022**

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Campus Planning and Finance Council was called to order at 3 p.m. on 18 October 2022 via Webex video conferencing by Geoffrey Lindenberg, chair.

**Members in Attendance:** Todd Barkman, Cheryl Bauman-Bruey, David Dakin, Betty Dennis, Mason Deraad, Keith Hearit, Lynne Heasley, Mohammad Daneshvar Kakhki, Geoffrey Lindenberg, Jun-Seok Oh (substitute for Valerian Kwigizile), David Szabla, Jan Van Der Kley

**Members Absent:** LuMarie Guth, Colleen Scarff

**Advisory Members Absent:** Christopher Cheatham, Tony Proudfoot

**Ex Officio Member in Attendance:** Zeljka Vidic

**Guests:** Cheng Kidd Sun, Western Michigan University Student Association President

**Quorum**

A quorum was present.

**Agenda**

**[MOTION]** It was moved by Bauman-Bruey, seconded by Barkman, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes**

**[MOTION]** It was moved by Szabla, seconded by Heasley, to approve the 20 September 2022 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports of Officers**

Chair Lindenberg led a discussion on CPFC's interest in tracking issues with the Strategic Resource Management (SRM) budget model. A suggestion was made for CPFC to keep a running tally of SRM challenges, of which curriculum proposals and research funding are two major issues.

Ex Officio Vidic did not provide a report.

**Reports of University Representatives**

Van Der Kley reported that state-level budget news is positive.

- The Governor signed the legislation for a Michigan Competitive Scholarship, which provides \$5,500 for up to five years of college (tuition??). The first \$2,500 of the award is "first dollar," while the remaining \$3,000 is "last dollar." Sixty percent of high school graduates likely will qualify; this will help significantly with family contributions toward education costs.
- There is strong support for a capital outlay budget by the state. Should it occur, for WMU, it likely will be the renovation of Knauss. Also, there is the possibility of support for deferred maintenance, especially as it contributes to safety for students. It will likely happen at the legislative session at the end of December 2022.
- The Governor also signed Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) legislation, which will help seven universities, including Western Michigan University. This will have a positive \$8.2 million effect on WMU's general funds for the 2023-24 year. WMU will continue to pay approximately \$6 million toward MPERS legislation.

Dakin provided the report for Campus Facility Development, which included:

- Dunbar Hall, the student center, and the Dalton Hall Visual Imaging and Technology Lab (VITL) projects all continue to progress.

- There will be a community input forum for the Hilltop Village parking structure and site development project on 30 November from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Bernhard Center lobby. Early schematic designs will be available for review.
- Facilities are commencing on a space utilization and facility assessment study for the campus overseen by the Space Advisory Committee.

Due to her absence, Scarff did not report.

Due to his absence, Cheatham did not report.

Due to his absence, Proudfoot did not report.

### **Unfinished Business**

Chair Lindenberg led a discussion of CPFC Charge #8 – Review the scope and description of the council’s role statement and assess the effectiveness of the council’s practices.

**[MOTION]** It was moved by Barkman, seconded by Bauman-Bruey, to accept the role statement as written. The motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

WMU Student Association President Sun shared the WSA’s Neighborhood Association proposal, which is to facilitate collaboration between the campus and the greater Kalamazoo community. The initiative intends to increase the connectivity of the campus with downtown as well as to address ongoing safety concerns. Sun shared his proposal that interaction with the Kalamazoo community will be in the form of WMU administration and WSA students instead of just WMU administration. CPFC discussed the proposal and offered suggestions and recommendations to Sun. Chair Lindenberg will reach out to Faculty Senate President Summy for the Executive Board’s support and the potential for future CPFC action.

The council discussed potential topics and future meetings, guests. Suggestions included:

- President Montgomery on the topic of the SRM budget model.
- Steve Perlaky, Associate Vice President, Facilities Management, to discuss plans, new campus projects, or deferred maintenance
- Charles Cotton, Associate Vice President, Enrollment Management, to address recruitment and retention
- Andrew Holmes, Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, to report on information technology
- Scott Merlo, Director, Public Safety, to discuss campus policing.

The council discussed membership and considered inviting Charles Cotton as a regular member to address enrollment forecasting, as well as how to address the vice provost for budget and personnel’s role while he continues to serve as interim provost.

### **Announcements**

Dennis provided a report of the 6 October Faculty Senate meeting, which included Curriculog update and a presentation on Disability Services for Students.

### **Adjournment**

**[MOTION]** It was moved by Bauman-Bruey, seconded by Dennis, to adjourn the meeting at 4:41 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The Campus Planning and Finance Council will next meet on 15 November 2022 via Webex video conferencing.

### **Approval**

Submitted by Keith Hearit

Minutes approved on 15 November 2022.