Faculty Senate

ACADEMIC AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

Minutes of 20 September 2021

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Academic and Information Technology Council was called to order at 10:05 a.m. on 20 September 2021, in the Bernhard Center and via Webex video conferencing by Amy Bocko, chair.

Members in Attendance: Christopher Biggs, Amy Bocko, Timothy Broadwater, Brian Carnell, Colin Cork, Clifton Ealy, Annette Hamel, Andrew Holmes, Pavel Ikonomov, Geraldine Rinna, Zoann Snyder, Evan Stoor
Member Absent: Cara Masselink, Derrick McIver, Paul Gallagher, Scott Puckett
Ex Officio in Attendance: C. Dennis Simpson
Ex Officio Present: C. D. Simpson
Guest(s): Bryon Glock, Director of Information Technology; Marilyn Kritzman, Faculty Senate President; Arnold Taylor, Interim Deputy Chief Information Officer

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Agenda

An item was added for the WMUx report by Carnell.
[MOTION] It was moved by Simpson, seconded by Broadwater, to accept the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

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[MOTION] It was moved by Carnell, seconded by Cork, to approve the 17 May 2021 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Ikonomov joined the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Reports of Officers

President Kritzman provided the 2021-22 council charges. The impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) was suggested as an additional charge. President Kritzman will take the suggestion to the Executive Board for support.

Chair Bocko reported that she continues to work remotely for the foreseeable future.

Ex Officio Simpson requested to add the impact of the Strategic Resource Management budget model to a future agenda.

Reports of University Representatives

Holmes provided the Office of Information Technology report; topics included:

1. Solidification of four main priorities:
    a. Cybersecurity: safe attachments, safe links, two-factor authentication, external email warning, log analysis tool, back-end and DNS changes for verifying authenticity of email traffic, roll-out of campus-wide CIS standard
    b. Infrastructure: routing networks, unified communications, and service strategy
    c. Disaster Recovery: ransomware, natural disasters, etc.
    d. Visioning
2. Preferred Name Change: Currently, these are not populated through the entirety of WMU systems due to human resources and systems issues, which are currently being remediated.

3. Classroom Technology: This will be a future agenda item

Carnell provided the report on WMUx. He requested that the eLearning Change Management team be migrated from a separate committee to a subcommittee of AITC.
[MOTION] It was moved by Simpson, seconded by Ikonomov, to create an AITC subcommittee regarding eLearning change management. The motion carried unanimously.

Carnell noted that MediaSite and eLearning will need policies created for archiving unused/outdated content.

New Business
Prioritization of charges was postponed to the next meeting.

Adjournment
[MOTION] It was moved by Carnell, seconded by Ikonomov, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The Academic and Information Technology Council will meet next on 18 October 2021, via Webex at 10 a.m.

Approval
Submitted by Geraldine Rinna, Secretary

Minutes approved on 18 October 2021.