
**PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE
Notes from Informational Meeting of 26 October 2022**

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Professional Concerns Committee was called to order at 12:30 p.m. on 26 October 2022 via WebEx conferencing by John Jellies, Ex Officio.

Members in Attendance: Timothy Palmer, Rena VanDerwall

Member Absent: John Miller, Karen Schieman, Elizabeth Terrell

Advisory Members Present: Joseph Erskine, Kathy Mitchell

Ex Officio: John Jellies

Guest: Sarah Summy, Faculty Senate President

Quorum

A quorum was not present.

Agenda

The agenda was acknowledged but not accepted because of the lack of a quorum.

Election of Officers

Lack of a quorum prevented the election of chair and vice chair at this time. The election will occur at the 16 November 2022 meeting.

Minutes

The minutes were acknowledged but not voted on because of the lack of a quorum. Minutes from the 20 April 2022 meeting will be voted on at the 16 November 2022 meeting.

Reports of Officers

Ex Officio Jellies reviewed the Professional Concerns Committee (PCC) charges for 2022-23 academic year.

Reports of University Representatives**Office of Student Conduct**

- Erskine is currently Interim Director for the Office of Student Conduct.
- The Office of Student Conduct is beginning to get cases. As is typical early in the semester, plagiarism is the most common case.
- The Office of Student Conduct plans to resume department training in 2022-23.
- Recruiting for panelists is underway.

Office of the Ombuds

- Grade Appeal and Program Dismissal Appeal Committee continues to work well using a virtual format.
- Numbers are up in hardship withdrawal requests. There were 360 cases at this point in 2021. There are 538 cases this year.
- Numbers are significantly down in grade appeal and program dismissal.
- Mitchell is retiring at the end of April 2023.

Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Ex Officio Jellies adjourned the informational meeting at 1:15 p.m. The Professional Concerns Committee's next meeting will be on 16 November 2022, virtually via Webex.

Approval

Submitted by Timothy Palmer, Secretary