
CAMPUS PLANNING AND FINANCE COUNCIL

Minutes of 21 March 2023

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Campus Planning and Finance Council was called to order at 3:03 p.m. on 21 March 2023 via Webex video conferencing by Geoffrey Lindenberg, chair.

Members in Attendance: Cheryl Bruey, David Dakin, Betty Dennis, Bret Geier, LuMarie Guth, Keith Hearit, Mohammad Daneshvar Kakhki, Valerian Kwigizile, Geoffrey Lindenberg, Melissa Powers, Colleen Scarff, Jan Van Der Kley

Members Absent: Todd Barkman, Lynne Heasley

Advisory Member Present: Christopher Cheatham

Advisory Member Absent: Tony Proudfoot

Ex Officio Member in Attendance: Bret Wagner

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Agenda

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

Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Wagner, seconded by Heasley, to approve the 21 February 2023 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chair Lindenberg provided a report of the Faculty Senate meeting and announced that the Graduate Student Association is on hiatus and will not be represented on Faculty Senate councils at this time

Ex Officio Wagner did not provide a report.

Reports of University Representatives

Scarff did not provide a report.

Van Der Kley did not provide a report.

Cheatham reported that three new positions are being posted in the Office of the Provost.

1. Associate Provost on equity-centered initiatives
2. Assistant Vice President for strategic initiatives in Academic Affairs
3. Marketing Manager

Enrollment for Summer I has been down from last year. At 56 days out from Summer I census the total headcount is down 15.1%. Students are registering later, and many students wait until they are registered for the fall semester to also register for summer. There is one week remaining for priority registration for the fall semester. It is expected that summer enrollment numbers will improve. The greatest decline in summer enrollment is among graduate students. There is a trend where students enroll at multiple universities during orientation and wait until the last moment to commit. WMU is responding to this trend by continuing to promote the advantages of WMU after orientation. Fall enrollment numbers will be available after the priority registration period. Fall applications are down 2%. There is a 13% drop in Summer II semester census from this time last year.

Dakin reported that the Dunbar Hall renovation has reached the finishing stage. The imaging lab is complete, and photos are available on the [Capital Projects website](#). The original steps on the Miller Auditorium veranda are being replaced with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant, appropriate outdoor material. There was a discussion held regarding the possibility of expanding the project to include ADA compliance in classrooms in Miller, which will be a separate project proposal. Currently, there are areas only accessible by staircase. Renovation of the Grand Rapids parking lot is underway. Bidding on the parking structure where the Burnhams Residence Hall used to be will start in May, with a goal to break ground in June. The project will include a pedestrian bridge across the road between Moore Hall and the new parking structure, [as seen on the website](#).

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

There was a discussion regarding guests to invite to upcoming meetings to fulfill CPFC charges.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

[MOTION] It was moved by Dennis, seconded by Hearit, to adjourn the meeting at 4:03 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The Campus Planning and Finance Council will next meet on 18 April 2023 via Webex video conferencing.

Approval

Submitted by LuMarie Guth, Secretary

Minutes approved on 18 April 2023.