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**Campus Planning and Finance Council**

Minutes of 18 February 2025

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Campus Planning and Finance Council was called to order at 3:07 p.m. on 18 February 2025 via Webex video conferencing by LuMarie Guth, chair.

**Members Present:** Cheryl Bauman-Bruey, David Dakin, Kim Ganzevoort, LuMarie Guth, Lynne Heasley, Luke Kritzman, Valerian Kwigizile, Geoffrey Lindenberg, Colleen Scarff, Jan Van Der Kley

**Members Absent:** Todd Barkman, Shonda Buchanan, Mohammad Daneshvar Kakhki, Jessyca Olvera

**Advisory Members Present:** Sara Nelson, Jeff Spoelstra

**Advisory Members Absent:** Tony Proudfoot

**Ex Officio Member Present:** Osama Abudayyeh

**Quorum**

A quorum was present with 11 members in attendance, of the ten needed to establish a quorum.

**Agenda**

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

**Minutes**

An amendment was made to strike two mentions of attachments in the 4 February 2025 draft minutes.

**[MOTION]** It was moved by Heasley, and seconded by Bauman-Bruey, to approve the 4 February 2025 minutes as amended. The motion carried.

**Reports of Councils/Committees Standing Committee(s)**

Heasley described changes in the Charge 2 "Sustainability Committee Proposal". Members discussed and requested an opportunity to review any draft Memorandum of Action (MOA).

**[MOTION]** It was moved by Heasley, seconded by Abudayyeh, to develop a MOA incorporating concerns of members and advance it to the Faculty Senate Executive Board. The motion carried.

**Reports of Officers**

Chair Guth reported on the most recent Faculty Senate meeting.

1. WMU General Council presented on the possibility of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) visits to classrooms.
2. Presentation on WMU endowments.
3. Remzi Seeker reported on grant funding, which has increased this year.
4. There was discussion about whether we are becoming an "R1". Being designated as an R1 institution signifies that a university has achieved the highest level of research activity according to the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. Karen Stokes Chapo, Program Manager, Assessment, Institutional Effectiveness Department, encouraged faculty to encourage their students to fill out the National Survey of Student Engagement (NESSI). Faculty were encouraged to fill out the faculty version of the NESSI.
5. A recent email from President Montgomery mentioned the impacts on two Department of Education grants. There is an internal environmental scan underway to determine potential impacts on other WMU grants.

Chair Guth is preparing the CPFC for the March Faculty Senate Meeting.

1. Presentation on the Charges CPFC worked on during the 2024-25 academic year.
  - a. CPFC will cover Charge 6 in March with Financial Aid
  - b. Charge 1: checked on CPFC composition
  - c. Charge 2: MOA in preparation

- d. Charge 3: Strategic Resource Management (SRM) budget model discussions
- e. Charge 4: Campus Master Plan as well as bussing
- f. Charge 5: Enrollment forecasting, decided not to discuss
- g. Charge 6: CPFC will work on recruitment and retention in March/April
- h. Charge 7: IT will work on it in March/April
- i. The Faculty Senate March meeting theme is on the WMU Strategic Plan Sustainability Goal, and Director Spoelstra will present
- j. CPFC typically reviews annual capital outlay proposals, Chair Guth suggested April for that activity
- k. CPFC to discuss charges for next year and elections in March/April
- l. There will be a May meeting

Ex Officio Abudayyeh reported that Charge 2 MOA should go to the Faculty Senate Executive Board as soon as possible for a vote to approve or send to CPFC. If voted on, the MOA goes to the next Faculty Senate meeting. CPFC members expressed interest in reviewing the MOA. Chair Guth and Heasley will draft then send out for input by email, with a deadline for input. Heasley will update Bertman and the ad hoc CPFC sustainability committee.

### Reports of University Representatives

Scarf reported:

1. The Governor's higher education proposal includes a 4% increase, tuition restraint of 4.5%, and is likely to be subject to a decision on road spending.
2. The State of Michigan may not set appropriations until 30 September, which is unusual.
3. The timing of federal and state budgets is not really tied.
4. WMU relies on the normal state budget cycle timing.
5. For the most part, WMU appropriations are from the state, with little pass-through from the federal level.
6. WMU's direct connections to federal monies are through research grants and federal student aid dollars
7. Some federal grants flow from the feds to the state, then to WMU.
8. Generally, disruptions of federal monies are not likely to impact the General Fund budget; however, WMU is carefully monitoring potential impacts.

Van Der Kley reported:

1. The Michigan Senate and House are debating earned, paid sick time, and this may impact student employees.
2. The State of Michigan may not invite capital outlay.

Nelson reported:

1. Julian Vasquez Heilig has returned to the faculty, and Chris Cheatham is currently the interim provost.
2. Enrollment numbers are down across the board for fall in the latest snapshot.
3. Academic Labor Relations interviews are underway.
4. The search for Haenicke Institute for Global Education (HIGE) director is underway.
5. The "Grow Your Own Master's Program" is ending.
6. International headcount is down for the fall.
7. Anecdotally, WMU is hearing trepidation about the political climate.
8. Concerns exist regarding a repeat of last year's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) challenges.

Dakin reported:

1. The Master Plan was approved by the Board on 6 February.
2. The new parking ramp is open.
3. The Autism Center is exploring alternative locations.
4. The West Hills new building frame is up.
5. Knauss Hall is officially decommissioned.
6. Vandercook Hall and Ellsworth Parking Ramp will be removed in the spring.
7. Waldo/Bill Brown/Seelye, selecting engineers.

8. A webcam has been installed for Valley housing construction.
9. Student Affairs can answer questions on housing.

Spoelstra reported:

1. The Annual Student Sustainability Summit will feature a few smaller gatherings this semester, and the main event will move to early fall.
2. Student Sustainability Grants were awarded for fall 2024 and benefit Solar Car, the F1 Electric Race Car, and water bottle filling stations.

Kritzman reported:

1. Western Student Association elections are underway, and the ballot will be released on 19 February
2. Dinner with the Delegates was attended by over 90 students, Sean McCann, Julie Rogers, and many others, and was the largest dinner in eight years
3. Green Week, Mental Health Week, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Week are coming up.

### **Unfinished Business**

None.

### **Announcements**

None.

### **Adjournment**

**[MOTION]** It was moved by Abudayyeh, seconded by Kwigizile, to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The Campus Planning and Finance Council will meet next on 18 March 2025 via Webex video conferencing at 3 p.m.

### **Approval**

Submitted by Jeff Spoelstra, Secretary

Minutes approved on 18 March 2025.