
Professional Concerns Committee

Minutes of 19 March 2025

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Professional Concerns Committee was called to order at 12:31 p.m. on 19 March 2025, via Webex conferencing by Michael Kahwaji, chair.

Members Present: Tom Gorczyca, Michael Kahwaji, Mariana Levin, John Miller, Yrithru Pillay (substitute for Richard Meyer), Marian Tripplett, Amy Zufelt

Members Absent: Rena VanDerwall

Advisory Members Absent: Eric McConnell, Sarah Meiser

Ex Officio: Dennis Simpson

Quorum

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

Agenda

The agenda was amended to eliminate the advisory members' reports and move the Artificial Intelligence (AI) syllabus statement topic to the April meeting due to absences.

[MOTION] It was moved by Simpson, seconded by Levin, to accept the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Simpson, seconded by Tripplett, to approve the 19 February 2025 minutes as presented. With two abstentions, the motion carried.

Reports of Officers

Chair Kahwaji did not provide a report.

Ex Officio Simpson reported that the meeting between the Faculty Senate Executive Board and University Counsel regarding the interplay of Program Dismissal Appeal and Hardship policies. University Counsel will forward a recommendation to PCC regarding handling such matters. Reminded PCC to hold 2025-26 officers' elections in April.

Reports of University Representatives

None.

Unfinished Business

The discussion on syllabus statement for how to use AI technology at WMU has been postponed until the April PCC meeting.

Miller reported the following on professional development materials for instructors:

Reviewed outline of learning objectives and training modules.

Shared a link with PCC to gain input on the materials.

New Business

None.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

[MOTION] It was moved by Miller, seconded by Levin, to adjourn the meeting at 12:58 p.m. The motion

carried unanimously. The Professional Concerns Committee will next meet on 16 April 2025 via Webex.

Approval

Submitted by John Miller, Secretary

Minutes approved on 16 April 2025.