
EXECUTIVE BOARD
Minutes of 27 June 2025**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Executive Board was called to order at 10:32 a.m. on 27 June 2025, in Ellsworth Hall room 3201 and via Webex, by Amy Naugle, president.

Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Kimberly Buchholz, Anthony DeFulio, Kieran Fogarty, Wanda Hadley, Janet Hahn, Amy Naugle, David Rudge, C. Dennis Simpson, Laura Teichert

Member Absent: Osama Abudayyeh

Parliamentarian in Attendance: Decker Hains

Recording Secretary in Attendance: Sue Brodasky, Administrator

Quorum

A quorum was present with nine members in attendance, of the six needed to establish quorum.

Agenda

President Naugle added a New Business item of WMU Essential Studies curriculum.

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

Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Rudge, seconded by Hadley, to approve the 13 June 2025 minutes as provided. The motion carried.

Reports of Officers

President Naugle met with President-elect Kavalhuna to discuss several key topics:

- Emphasized the importance of faculty involvement in defining experiential learning at WMU and suggested including Doug Lepisto in the relevant subcommittee.
- Provided input on the upcoming provost search.
- Advocated for investment in shared governance.
- Academic searches were discussed.
- Shared Governance Retreat will be rescheduled.

Vice President Simpson report included:

- Orientation attendance is below expectations.
- President-elect Kavalhuna is interested in meeting with the Executive Board.
- Provost meeting updates:
 - Following a meeting between the Emeriti Council leadership and Interim Provost Cheatham, he provided a one-time of \$4,000 allocation to the Emeriti Council from the Provost's Office. Interim Provost Cheatham requested the Faculty Senate Executive Board and Mary Lagerwey (and others she may choose) meet to explore collaboration.
 - Ongoing concerns persist regarding undefined roles for the Curriculum Manager, WMU Essential Studies Faculty Director, and Academic Advising Director. These issues were raised in prior meetings with no resolution to date. Interim Provost Cheatham agreed to review the matter and provide a response.

New Business

President Naugle opened suggestions for topics to discuss with Interim Provost Cheatham at the 11 July Executive Board meeting. Suggested topics included:

- Enrollment update
- Budget update
- Academic Affairs implemented changes made to SRM

- Reorganization efforts
- International student climate
- DEI update

[MOTION] It was moved by Rudge, seconded by DeFulio, to accept year-end reports from the CPFC, RCAC, USC, and WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee and postpone discussion of new charges to the 8 August Executive Board retreat. The motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding next year's council charges being finalized at the 8 August Executive Board retreat.

President Naugle raised the issue of conflict between the Curriculum Manager, WMU Essential Studies Faculty Director, and Academic Advising Director. President Naugle reiterated an email received from Curriculum Manager DeChano-Cook issue regarding advisors not adhering to the WMU Essential Studies best practices. It was questioned if this is an issue for the Faculty Senate rather than the Provost. Discussion was held. President Naugle intends to refer the issue to Interim Provost Cheatham and to WMU Essential Studies Executive Advisory Committee as a 2025-26 committee charge.

Unfinished Business

President Naugle offered a review of the Executive Board 2024-26 Action Plan. The Action Plan will be a guide for topics at the 8 August Executive Board retreat. Each item of the plan was reviewed for completion. The document will be updated with those notes.

Reports of Councils and Committees

None.

Announcements

President Naugle offered congratulations to the three Executive Board Directors who were promoted and/or tenured at the Board of Trustees meeting yesterday.

Adjournment

President Naugle adjourned the meeting at 11:40 p.m. The Executive Board will meet next on 11 July 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in Ellsworth Hall, room 3201 and via Webex with guest Interim Provost Christopher Cheatham.

Approval

Submitted Sue Brodasky, Faculty Senate Administrator

Minutes were approved 11 July 2025.