
PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Minutes of 13 October 2021

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Professional Concerns Committee was called to order at 12:32 p.m. on 13 October 2021 virtually via Webex by Anne-Marie Guidy-Oulai, chair.

Members Present: Christopher Cho, Ann-Marie Guidy-Oulai, John Jellies, John Miller, Leah Omilion-Hodges, Timothy Palmer

Members Absent: Karen Schieman

Advisory Members Present: Nicole Albee

Advisory Members Absent: Kathy Mitchell

Ex Officio: Decker Hains

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Agenda

Vice Chair Miller requested amending the agenda to remove discussion of *MOA-20/03: Syllabus Template* at the request of the Faculty Senate President, Marilyn Kritzman. Additionally, the Ombuds report was removed due to the absence of Mitchell.

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

Minutes

The 15 September minutes were amended to include details of officer election motions. The amendments were as follows:

[MOTION] It was moved by Jellies, seconded by Omilion-Hodges, to elect Miller as vice chair. The motion carried unanimously.

[MOTION] It was moved by Jellies, seconded by Omilion-Hodges, to elect Palmer as secretary. The motion carried unanimously.

[MOTION] It was moved by Miller, seconded by Omilion-Hodges, to approve the 15 September 2021 minutes as amended. With one abstention, the motion carried.

Reports of Officers

Chair Guidy-Oulai did not provide a report.

Ex Officio Hains did not provide a report.

Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees

None.

Reports of University Representatives

Albee reported that there have been 33 cases of academic misconduct from 1 July to present. This is in line with the number of cases in 2019 and 2020. Cases are moving through the system more slowly, however, because of a considerable number of behavioral cases. Over 2,500 behavioral cases are

ongoing, with an additional 900 added just the previous day. These cases have to do with students not complying with WMU's virus testing requirement for unvaccinated students.

Unfinished Business

The committee was uncertain about the status of *MOA-19/03: Required Reporting of Student Academic Misconduct*. Hains will seek clarification from the Executive Board and report back.

New Business

None.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

[MOTION] Chair Guidy-Oulai adjourned the meeting at 1 p.m. The Professional Concerns Committee will meet next on 17 November 2021 at 12:30 p.m. virtually via Webex.

Approval

Submitted by Timothy Palmer, secretary

Minutes approved on 17 November 2021.