
PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Minutes of 19 January 2022

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Professional Concerns Committee was called to order at 12:30 p.m. on 19 January 2022 virtually via Webex by John Miller, vice chair.

Members Present: Christopher Cho, John Jellies, John Miller, Leah Omilion-Hodges, Timothy Palmer

Members Absent: Ann-Marie Guidy-Oulai, Karen Schieman

Advisory Members Present: Nicole Albee, Kathy Mitchell

Ex Officio: Decker Hains

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Agenda

Miller asked to remove MOA-19/03.

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

Minutes

A correction was made regarding the example of a possible red badge provided by Albee.

[MOTION] It was moved by Jellies, seconded by Omilion-Hodges, to approve the 17 November 2021 minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Vice Chair Miller reported that he will be leading the PCC meetings for the spring semester due to the previously explained teaching schedule conflict of Chair Guidy-Oulai. Miller stated that MOA-19/03: Required Reporting of Student Academic Misconduct had been located by the Faculty Senate office and will be reviewed by the Executive Board at its next meeting. He reported that PCC remains uninformed of the status of MOA-20/03: *Syllabus Template*.

Ex Officio Hains noted that MOA-20/03 is scheduled for the Executive Board and he will follow up.

Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees

None.

Reports of University Representatives

Albee provided the report of the Office of Student Conduct:

1. There are issues associated with COVID misconduct (testing non-compliance) that are no longer the purview of the Office of Student Conduct.

Mitchell provided the report of the Office of the University Ombuds:

1. The 2020-21 University Ombuds report is now complete and will be distributed to PCC members via email for review.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Announcements

Discussion was held regarding issues of staffing as it relates to professional concerns. A concern was expressed about the staffing levels in the University Ombuds office. Similarly, concern was expressed regarding the vacant staff position in the Faculty Senate office. Hains will convey the concerns to the Executive Board.

Adjournment

[MOTION] Vice Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m. The Professional Concerns Committee will meet next on 16 February 2022 at 12:30 p.m. virtually via Webex.

Approval

Submitted by Timothy Palmer, secretary

Minutes approved on 16 February 2022.