
PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Minutes of 16 February 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 16 February 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

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

Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Jellies, seconded by Omilion-Hodges, to approve the 19 January 2022 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Vice Chair Miller 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 provided the report of the Office of Student Conduct:

1. There have been 146 academic cases since 1 July 2021, which is consistent with annual cases.

Mitchell provided the report for the Office of University Ombuds:

1. The Ombuds office assistant position has been increased from 27 hours to 34 hours.
2. GAPDAC continues to be extremely effective moving through cases, averaging a two-week turnaround.

Unfinished Business

Ex Officio Hains reported that the Executive Board reviewed and returned MOA-19/03 to the committee with comments. There were suggestions for changes in formatting to clarify what the MOA is intended to accomplish regarding revisions to student academic misconduct. Vice Chair Miller will reformat the MOA and revise it to clearly focus on the two issues that had originally prompted the purpose of the MOA, which are:

1. Proposed deadlines for faculty to report academic integrity issues
2. Clarify processes when faculty do not respond to academic integrity concerns for the Office of Student Conduct

An edited draft will be uploaded to SharePoint so that PCC members can comment on proposed changes.

New Business

None.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

[MOTION] It was moved by Jellies, seconded by Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The Professional Concerns Committee will meet next on 16 March 2022 at 12:30 p.m. virtually via Webex.

Approval

Submitted by Timothy Palmer, secretary

Minutes approved on 16 March 2022.