
CENTERS AND INSTITUTES COMMITTEE**Minutes of 10 December 2025****Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Centers and Institutes Committee was called to order at 10:02 a.m. on 10 December 2025, via Webex, by Decker Hains, chair.

Members in Attendance: Ron Cisler, Decker Hains, Sara Nelson, Jana Schulman, Lee Wells

Members Absent: Dustin Altschul, Matthew Ross

Ex Officio: Kimberly Buchholz

Quorum

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

Agenda

[MOTION] It was moved by Cisler, seconded by Schulman, to accept the agenda as provided. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Schulman, seconded by Cisler, to accept the minutes of 12 November 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chair Hains did not provide a report.

Ex Officio Buchholz did not provide a report.

Unfinished Business

The current Centers and Institutes Comprehensive List has been updated to include an additional field regarding a center's level (i.e., University, College, or Department). The Centers and Institutes Committee (CIC) believes that the Comprehensive List is complete and will send the list to the Provost's Council for finalization. The CIC determined that the nature of a center would be described as either Research, Instruction, Clinical, Outreach, and/or Service. A request for these terms will be sent to the Faculty Senate.

The CIC will focus on the development of the Process for New Centers and Institutes Review during the spring 2026 semester. The process will move away from the current white paper application to a form that will consist of the information necessary to align with the current yearly report.

New Business

None.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Hains at 10:37 a.m. The Centers and Institutes Committee will next meet on 14 January 2026 at 10 a.m. via Webex.

Approval

Submitted by Lee Wells, Secretary

Minutes were approved on 2 September 2026