
PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE**Minutes of 15 April 2026****Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Professional Concerns Committee was called to order at 12:33 p.m. on 15 April 2026, via Webex, by Marian Tripplett, secretary.

Members Present: Jennifer Foster, Matilda McLean, Richard Meyer, Marian Tripplett

Members Absent: Thomas Gorczyca, Michael Kahwaji, Mariana Levin, Amy Zufelt

Advisory Members Present: Eric McConnell

Advisory Members Absent: Joe Erskine

Ex Officio: C. Dennis Simpson

Quorum

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

Agenda

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

Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Foster, seconded by Meyer, to approve the 18 March 2026 minutes as distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Ex Officio Simpson reminded the Professional Concerns Committee (PCC) that this is his last meeting. A new Executive Board liaison will be appointed by President-elect Hahn.

Reports of University Representatives

Due to Erskine's absence, the Student Rights and Responsibilities report was not provided.

McConnell reported that the Office of the Ombuds is predictably busier as it approaches the end of the semester.

New Business

The 2025-26 Year-end Report was previously distributed to the committee members for review and comments. Chair Kahwaji will forward the report to the Faculty Senate office.

[MOTION] It was moved by Meyer, seconded by Foster, to approve the 2025-26 Year-end Report as distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Ex Officio Simpson stated that committee leadership elections will be held in the 2026 fall semester.

Adjournment

[MOTION] It was moved by Meyer, seconded by Foster, to adjourn the meeting at 12:56 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The Professional Concerns Committee will meet in the 2026 fall semester.

Approval

Submitted by Marian Tripplett, Secretary

Minutes were approved on 2 September 2026.