
PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE**Minutes of 2 September 2026****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 2 September, via Webex by Decker Hain, Faculty Senate Executive Board Director.

Members Present: Michael Kahwaji, Matilda McLean, Marian Tripplett, Amy Zufelt

Members Absent: Jennifer Foster, Thomas Gorczyca

Advisory Members Present: Joe Erskine, Eric McConnell

Ex Officio: David Szabla

Guest(s): Decker Hains, Executive Board Director; Sue Brodasky, Faculty Senate Administrator; Liz Snider, Director of Students Rights and Responsibilities

Quorum

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

Agenda

[MOTION] It was moved by Tripplett, seconded by Kahwaji, to accept the agenda as provided. The motion carried.

Minutes

[MOTION] It was moved by Tripplett, seconded by Zufelt, to approve the 15 April 2026 minutes as distributed. The motion carried.

Leadership Training

Hains led the training with support of Brodasky.

Officer Elections

[MOTION] It was moved by Zufelt, seconded by Tripplett, to elect Michael Kahwaji as chair. The motion carried.

[MOTION] It was moved by McLean, seconded by Kahwaji, to elect Amy Zurelt as vice chair. The motion carried.

[MOTION] It was moved by Zufelt, seconded by Kahwaji, to elect Marian Tripplett as secretary. The motion carried.

Committee 2026-27 Charges

Hains charged the committee and gave an overview of the committee's actions should they have recommended changes. It was asked if the committee is expected to draft MOAs for charge 1 and 2. Hains indicated that not for 1 but will be for 2 which will be directed by the Academic and Information Technology Council.

Adjournment

Hains adjourned the meeting at 1:02 p.m. The next PCC meeting will be held 16 September via Webex.

Approval

Submitted by Sue Brodasky, attending recording secretary

Minutes were approved 16 September 2026.