New council among amendments proposed for senate

The Faculty Senate Feb. 6 heard proposed amendments to its constitution and bylaws that would create a new council on regional education and tabled a proposed policy for the appeal of the dismissal of graduate students who fail to meet the requirements of the faculty voting on the proposed amendment, President Haenicke and by the Board of Trustees.

An amendment to the bylaws becomes effective upon approval of a majority vote of the total membership of the senate. The senate tabled a policy proposed by the Graduate Studies Council that would provide a formal appeals process for graduate students who fail to meet the requirements of the faculty.
Feb. 21-22 minifest to focus on jazz

Jazz is a medium of community and cultural identity for a large number of African-Americans. This major musical art form will be the focus of this year’s minifest, conducted annually as part of WMU’s celebration of Black History Month.

“Minifest IV: If Swings and Pops, Den Dis Is Jazz” will take place in the Dalton Center Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, and at noon and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22.

Each session of the minifest will feature a lecture and musical demonstration by Horace Boyer, professor of music and dance at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. This year’s performances will include Tim Cunningham and Four of a Kind, Dave Myles and Mylstenes with Kimmie Home, Straight Ahead, Speakeasy and Ujima. Admission to any minifest is free.

It is important for a people to have a tangible symbol of their own distinct importance within the larger community,” said Benjamin C. Wilson, Black American Studies Program, who is coordinating the event. “A musical art form connects people to their roots and affirms their sense of community. It also helps others appreciate those who are culturally different from themselves.”

The festival will provide a variety of musical styles within the jazz genre, including:

• Tim Cunningham and Four of a Kind – contemporary jazz group with a blues flavor from Lansing. Cunningham, a visiting scholar at Uppsala University and a professor of economics at Chicago, will deliver “Ethics in Real Estate: Real Persons Face World Dilemmas.” The free address is being sponsored by News Services, Western Michigan University, 1201 Ottawa St., Kalamazoo, 49008-5165.

• Sallie Tucker-Allen, lecturer in the Department of English, will address the 12th collection of short stories, “Who Do I Look Like?” by Horace Boyer.

• Dave Myles and Mylstenes – a contemporary jazz ensemble from Detroit that has performed at the Royal Oak Music Hall and Dorothy with Charlie Parker, including Alexander’s and Industry.

The major sponsors of the event are the Irving S. Cumlstone Foundation of Kalamazoo, the Office of the Vice President for Administrative Affairs and the Division of Minority Affairs. As many as 12 other organizations are major contributors to the minifest, making possible the event’s free admission policy.

The schedule for the minifest is as follows:

Friday, Feb. 21

3:00-4:00 p.m. – Lecture and demonstration, “Gospel, Blues, and Jazz and Style and Substance,” by Horace Boyer

9:30 p.m. – Ujima

10:00-11:00 p.m. – Speakeasy

Saturday, Feb. 22


12:30-1:30 p.m. – Speakeasy

1:30-2:45 p.m. – Dave Myles and Mylstenes

2:45-3:50 p.m. – Question/answer period

3:50-4:45 p.m. – Lecture/demonstration, “The Impact of the African-American Cultural Heritage and the Impact of African-American Top 40s” by Horace Boyer

9:15-9:30 p.m. – Tim Cunningham and Four of a Kind

9:30-10:20 p.m. – Straight Ahead

10:25-10:45 a.m. – Question/answer period

All times are approximate. For more information, persons may call 7-2667 or 7-2665.

Economists to discuss education, changing world

"The Economics of Education and the World of Change" is the theme of a lecture to be presented Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the University.

Mary Jean Bowman, professor emerita of economics and education at Minnesota State University, Mankato, will deliver the address at 7:30 in Thompson Hall. She also will lead a seminar on "The Day Aristotle Visited an American School System" at 6 in 3760 Knauss Hall.

The free talk is part of the Department of Economics’ 28th annual lecture-seminar series titled "The Economics of Education." Bowman has a distinguished record of more than 50 years as an economist. Although officially retired from the University of Chicago in 1974, she continued to serve on dissertation committees for the next 15 years. During this period, she also was a visiting scholar at Uppsala University and the University of Southern California. She is currently a consultant for the World Bank and the National Urban League.

Bowman is the author or co-author of many publications, including "Economics of Educational Public Policy: Resources and Inequality in Education," "Planning for Educators in Kentucky," "Education and Labor Markets," "Where Colleges and Schools Attract: Effects of Accessibility on College Attendance," "Education and Labor Markets," "Who Attends, Who Attrains: Effects of Accessibility on College Atten-

The economics-lecture series is supported by a grant from the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research in Kalamazoo. It is directed by Emily P. Hoffman, economics, Department of Economics.

Three candidates for director of proposed School of Nursing to make presentations

Candidates for the director of the proposed School of Nursing will be on campus in the coming weeks for interviews, which will be followed by formal receptions and an opportunity to provide feedback to the Nursing Search Committee chaired by Dean Tyndall.

A flyer about the candidates has been distributed to 850 students, faculty, and staff at the undergraduate nursing, post-baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs. The candidates are:

• Carolyn Reed, dean and professor of nursing at Ohio Wesleyan University, Monday, Feb. 24; and

• Sallie Tucker-Allen, lecturer in the School of Nursing at Cardinal Stritch College in Milwaukee, Tuesday, March 10; and

• Elydie Hough, professor, associate vice president and associate director of the College of Nursing at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Medical Center in Chicago, Monday, March 31.

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Pending agreement on loss foam casting represents first foray into patent transfer

A Battle Creek firm may refine and commercially market casting technology developed at WMU, according to an agreement that is bound by the University's Board of Trustees Jan. 31.

The board authorized University officials to continue negotiations at an out-of-court agreement that would assign the rights to the University owner's patent to a new corporation located in Battle Creek's Fort Custer Industrial Park. The patent was granted early last year for a new technology pattern or "lost foam" casting process developed by Jay Easwaran, mechanical and aeronautical engineering.

According to Donald E. Thompson, vice president for research, the purpose of the agreement is to transfer technology develop in University research laboratories to the commercial marketplace. The agreement is being negotiated represents one of the University's first such patent rights transfer arrangements.

We are very excited about being able to assist the region in developing new and unique technology - technology that we have developed and our faculty has patented," Thompson says. "Over the last few years our faculty has developed some new and unique technology - some technological sur- prises. This 'lost foam' technology, in particular, has a great deal of potential for use in this region's manufacturing sector."

Lost foam or evaporative pattern casting utilizes a pattern made of a plastic material that evaporates or is "lost" as the molten metal form will the finished product surrounds it. The process is ideally suited for producing complex metal castings at a competitive cost and is expected to have wide application in such industries as auto parts manufacturing.

Faculty members of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences have been researching lost foam process for several years, and in 1989, established the Center for Lost Foam Casting Development to study the process in cooperation with area industry. Easwaran's research, while not part of that center's work, is aimed at improving the Armstrong of lost foam technology and variations during the process. He is continu- ing research on the process.

University officials are now negotiating with Polyform to assign all WMU rights to the patent. Polyform will provide for a return for a fee to the University that will be based on a percentage of any money the company earns on sales related to the patent. Polyform also would reimburse the University for patent development costs incurred and, if the company should sell the patent rights to someone else, the University would pay 90% of the University 40 percent of any payment it receives for the transfer. Easwaran has made separate arrangements with Polyform regarding financial interest in the patent.

Once an agreement is signed and closed, Polyform will conduct further research in the process and market it for commercial use. Polyform was formed late last year by a group of private investors assisting the Battle Creek Investment Growth Corp., which is a part of Battle Creek Unlimited.

According to Thompson, Polyform came to the University with an offer to commercially develop the patented technology. Such private interest in technical advancements developed at WMU is, he says, indicative of the University's growing stature in the commercial and technical arena. A number of other new technological tools being developed at WMU are attracting similar attention from industry.

"Developments like this speak to the qual- ity of our faculty and their inventiveness and ingenuity," Thompson says. "In this case, we experimented with a known process that had some problems and we improved it."

Goals

The following list of vacancies is cur- rently being posted through the Job Op- portunity Program by employment services in the Department of Human Resources. Interested benefits eligible employees should submit their cover letter and a signed authorization form to sign the appropriate bid sheet during the posting period.

S-01 and S-02 clerical positions are not required to be posted. Interested University employees may contact the employment ser- vices staff member for assistance in securing these positions.

(R) Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), 1,30, Engineering Technology, 91/92-230, 2/1-21/1992.

(R) Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), 1,30, Math and Statistics, 91/92-251, 2/1-21/1992.

(R) Assistant Professor (Year Appointment), 1,30, English, 91/92-255, 2/1-21/1992.

(R) Assistant Professor (Year Appointment), 1,30, English, 91/92-253, 2/1-21/1992.

(R) Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), 1,30, English, 91/92-254, 2/1-21/1992.

(R) Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), 1,30, Biological Sciences, 91/92-258, 2/1-21/1992.


(R) Secretary III, 5-06, WMU, 91/92-271, 2/1-21/1992.

(R) Secretary III, 5-06, Physical Plant Landscapes, 91/92-273, 2/1-21/1992.

(R) Service Test/audit Specialist P-O6, Internal Audit, 91/92-274, 2/1-21/1992.

(R) Student Advisor II, P-O6, College of Arts and Sciences, 91/92-272, 2/1-21/1992.

(R) Secretary I, 5-04, College of Arts and Sciences, 91/92-275, 2/1-21/1992.


(R) Assistant Vice President for Finance, Executive, Official Office of the Vice President for Business and Finance, 91/92- 278, 2/1-21/1992.


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Human Resources

Meet the new University medical plan administrator

Informational meetings for all employees and spouses enrolled in the Employee/Student (Medical) Plan are scheduled for Feb. 18, 20 and 25 and 26 in the Bernhard Center. The meetings will run from 9:30 a.m. to 1:10 p.m. and 3 to 4:30 p.m. each day. Linda Crawford, assistant manager of the medical plan, will be present.

Service

These employees are recognized for five, 10, 15 and 30 years of service to the Univer- sity in February.

15 years - Patricia Lu. Maier, history.
20 years - Kathy A. Dalmam, budget, and Eleanor R. Samson, WMU Bookstore.
30 years - Jaclyn A. VanOostendorp, computing services.

Five years - David Bunch, physical plant/BE, maintenance; Teri Dunihan, logistical services/purchasing; Linda K. Ruid, Medieval Institute; Sandra A. Lallier, military science; Tonya L. Lane, Valley I dining service; Louise Olive, Valley II din- ing service; Judy M. Phelps, Bernhard Cen- ter; Patricia L. Short, academic records; and L. Smalley, human resources; and Darlene R. Zackery, physical plant/building custodial and support services.

On Campus

CABLE READY

Keeping track of the University's various video cable television initia- tives is the job of Kanti S. Sandhu, the manager of cable programming and EduCABLE access in the Division of Media Services. He works with faculty members, both on and off campus, here at the University, he manages EduCABLE, the full service cable television, radio and audio distribution system that serves 3,380 residential units and other selected buildings. Sandhu plans the programs for several instructional channels, an electronic bulletin board and a student channel. Those programs can be produced at WMU by students or the media group or purchased from various suppliers. In addition, he schedules and delivers a variety of WMU programming to 240,000 cable households in Southwest Michigan through regional access centers. "I guess I'm one of those lucky students who gets to be in with everybody - faculty, staff, students and the community," he says. Sandhu, who has been in his present job since July, has worked in media services and broadcasting here at the University owned station WITN, as well as in television production and directing at the University and, in the past, to transfer WMU to complete their degrees.

The trustees also accepted two resigna- tions at their meeting. Barbara A. Hopps- brom, community health services, effective Jan. 17, 1992; and Natalie E. Spi- vak, business information systems, effective Dec. 22, 1991.

John Hancock Farmington Hills office, the University's current third-party retire- ment program and be available to answer ques- tions. Sandhu has been with the Hancock retirement service representative who will be on campus one morning each week throughout the year to help with health ben- efits questions and claims. Spouses are in- vested to attend.

Letters giving times and locations of the sessions have been mailed to all eligible employees and retirees. Please choose the session that is most convenient for you, and return your reservations to the Department of Human Resources. If you have questions or have not received a letter, please call the benefits office at 7-3630.

LACK CALL: P/T retirement notice due Feb. 15

If you plan to retire under the Profes- sional/Technical/Administrative Retirement Incentive "Window" Ben- efit option, available only until May 31, 1992, you must submit your request for retirement by Feb. 15, 1992.
FEBRUARY

Thursday/13
(march 2) Black History Month display, “Achievements of Afro-Americans Past and Present,” inside 2037 Kohrman Hall.
(28) Art exhibit, “Landscapes, Still Lives and Abstracts,” mixed media by James C. Palmone, Kalamaozo artist, 1240 Seiber Administration Building, weekdays, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.
Campuswide blood pressure screening; outside 2037 Kohrman Hall, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; and Zimmerman/Davis Halls cafeteria entrance and Hoojkie Hall lobby, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Mechanical and aeronautical engineering seminar, “How the Economy Works,” Provost Joseph V. DeLuca, art, East Hall galleries, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
(25) Exhibition, paintings by Mary Hatch, Kalamaozo artist, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Black History Month lecture, “The Narrative of Frederick Douglass: Ideology and Opposition,” Robert Chrisman, editor and publisher, the Black Collegian, Lee Honors College lounge, 3:30 p.m.
(25) Service Week; Thursday: event for student volunteers, West Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 4-5 p.m.

Friday/14
Sam Clark Lecture, “The Politics of Alienation,” Congressman Howard Wolpe, 3020 Information meeting, “WMU Grand Tour of Europe,” Bernhard Center, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Saturday/15
Medallion Competition - The Jarrett family from Grand Rapids came to the Office of International Affairs at 7-3951. The seminar is sponsored by the Office of International Affairs and the Department of International Affairs.

Wednesday/19
Campuswide blood pressure screening: Dalton Center lobby, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; and Zimmerman/Davis Halls cafeteria entrance and Hoojkie Hall lobby, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Writing workshop for the preparation of doctoral dissertations, specialist projects and master’s theses, 205 Bernhard Center, 10-11 a.m.

MEDITATION COMPETITION — The Jarrett family from Grand Rapids came to campus Feb. 8 for the first day of WMU’s Mediation Scholarship Competition. Magdalena Jarrett, second from right, a senior at Grand Rapids Central High School, was one of 417 students here to compete for scholarships valued at more than $1 million at WMU this fall. Her family, from left, Father Marvin, mother Beverly and sister Delmira Murray, a 1990 WMU graduate, came along to attend parent sessions and support her. Cheryl A. Koning, right, admissions and orientation, discussed the day’s agenda, which included seminars, panel discussions, written testing and oral problem-solving. A similar number of students is expected this Saturday, Feb. 15, making this year’s attendance a record since the event began seven years ago.

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