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Draft minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting, 9-15-10:

1. Proposed agenda for meeting, accepted by acclamation.
2. Minutes of the June Senate meeting approved, with 3 abstaining.
3. The Faculty Senate President read a statement of apology for having accepted an appointment by the Chief Financial Officer to serve on a search committee without discussing that appointment or the search with Faculty Senate or FSEB. The apology was “accepted” by the Senate, and all speakers agreed on the importance of the shared governance and faculty representation.
4. On the issue of continuous improvement of administrators, Senate President Matt Evett spoke about the need for a quicker dissemination of survey results (faculty in COB, COT, CAS evaluated deans last winter semester), and also addressed the need to start soon on planning for the next round of evaluations. Others stressed as well that this right of faculty to give their views on the performance of administrators was recently secured and that therefore the Faculty, thru the Senate, must carry out this duty in a timely, organized, and responsible way.
5. Status of the University Budget Council; as the agenda noted, *“The 8 faculty members of the BC [University Budget Council] have stopped attending meetings until further guidance from the Faculty Senate.”* Two faculty who have served on the UBC stated that there is no longer any confidence in the value of the UBC as a meaningful venue for faculty input for budgetary matters and said that the 8 faculty who served on UBC last year were united in that conclusion, and also hoped for improvements this year.

Mark Higbee moved, and David Crary seconded, that the Senate adopt a statement on the matter; a draft copy of the 2 sentence statement, was circulated on paper. After some discussion, Marti Bomyk proposed a friendly amendment, which was accepted, adding a new first sentence, so that the motion read as follows:

“A de facto moratorium has occurred regarding faculty participation on the University Budget Council. Therefore, the Faculty Senate invites the Administration to suggest ways for creating a more effective means for faculty input to University budget-making processes, recommendations, and decisions. We welcome constructive dialog.”

After discussion, the motion was passed 23 for, 5 against, 3 abstaining.

6. Appointments:

6a: For the Faculty Senate Executive Board, President Evett proposed the following colleagues, for specific areas, and they were accepted by a voice vote:

Academic Issues: Lidia Lee

Budget and Resources: David Crary

Institutional Issues: ?

Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee-Robert Orrange

Student Issues: Perry Francis

Honorary Degrees/Distinguished Faculty: Daryl Barton
Procedures and Elections: Marti Bombyk
Technology Issues: ?

6b. for 2 faculty positions on the IT Portfolio Management Committee, Rachel Cheng (Lib) and John Drake (CIS) were nominated, and then approved by acclimation.

6c. For the Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Council, there was discussion about what seats are open and when, and no action was taken, pending clarification of these factual issues. Outgoing IAAC member Shel Levine noted that the IAAC is supposed to provide academic oversight for the athletics department, but hasn't really done that.

7. Comments by Provost Jack Kay:

-Many thanks to everyone who's worked so hard to manage the challenges of swing space offices and assigning classroom space especially Professors Evett and Crary. -Noted that under the new EMU-AAUP contract there are some changes affecting the Senate, such as "I do not get to exercise the vote I never exercised" in the Faculty Senate.

-Provost Kay said that decisions on authorizing 25 new faculty searches would be communicated this week to deans, and that the President has authorized these searches and will conduct continuing reviews of fiscal and enrollment circumstances to consider other search authorizations later in the year.

-Provost Kay said he would be seeking formal Senate input on two issues: 1) Making the position now called the University Librarian into a "Dean" for the Library; and 2) how to provide appropriate faculty input to, and participation on, an Academic Strategic Planning Process this semester. The Provost said he wants faculty ideas on how to appoint members, and that he would like this new strategic planning process for Academic Affairs to get underway ASAP within the input process, expecting its heavy work load to be from October through January.

- Kay reported the news that last fiscal year was EMU's best year ever for external grants and awards, now over \$16 million. He said there was a need for the University to move the indirect costs recovered from such grants out of the General Fund and devoted to supporting and creating the infrastructure needed for research and winning more grants in the future.

8. Report on EEFC/swing space status: David Crary and Matt Evett. Many thanks to all who worked on this issue so much over the summer; and stressed the need for faculty who have difficulties with assigned classrooms to work through department heads to try to get the issues resolved. --- It was

reported by a variety of Faculty Senate members now teaching in McKenny that that building lacks wireless internet access.

9. Matt Evett reported as a member of the IT Steering Committee on the security breach of the EMU computer system. FBI is investigating. Access gained thru a backdoor to Banner, and a file of passwords accessed. There was a 15 hour window of exposure, then the computer system froze, thwarting the thieves, who apparently wanted to use the EMU system to launch an attack on Microsoft. Typically, each weekend, the EMU system is hit with 25,000 attempted security breaches.

10. Announcements:

- a. next Senate meeting, Oct. 6. FSEB meets Sept 29.
- b. the Nov. 17 meeting will be in 205 Welch.
- c. Carol Haddad has resigned from the Senate, making the officer position of Membership Secretary open; election to be at next meeting.
- d. Enrollment figures (circulated by Evett, from official data: headcount is up 2.4%, credit hours are up 2.27%. But the university had budgeted for a 3.4% rise in credit hours. --- Provost Kay said he did not anticipate cuts to academics resulting.
- f. interim dean of COE Michael Bretting has returned to the faculty and Shawn Quilter is now serving as acting dean.

11. Pres Evett listed a few issues for possible consideration, Senate focus, this year:

- a. eliminating double occupancy offices for faculty;
- b. forming a computer information/technology/literary task force.
- c. FS members raised the issue of energy efficiency on campus.

Present: R. Woods/AAS, Michael Reedy/Art, B. Winning/Bio, L. Kolopajlo/Chem, S McCracken/CMTA, D. Crary/Eco, S. Norton/ENG, C. Mayda/G&G, J. Jones.Math, W. Zirk/MAD, P. Koehn/P&A, E. Martin/polsci, K.Saules/psych, R.Orrange/SAC, S.Gray/WGST, C.Day/WorldLan, J.Carbhone/Health Sciences, M.Debello/Nur, M.Bombyk/SWK, M.Rahman/Acct&Fin, K.Baerji/Mgmt, D.Barton/Marketing, F Perry/Ldr&Cou, L.Lee/SpecEd, E.Lowenstein/TED, J.Texter/SET, K.G.Kustron/STE, R.Bair/Libr, T.Brewer/Graduate Studies; and Provost Jack Kay.

--respectfully submitted by FS secretary Mark Higbee