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FACULTY COUNCIL 2004-2005, MEETING TWO
September 15, 2004
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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.

II. Approval of the minutes of September 1, 2004

The minutes were sent out electronically and hard copies were not available at the meeting. As a result the minutes were approved with the changes mentioned below and with such changes as people call to the attention of Alida Westman or Daryl Barton.

The changes in the minutes were as follows.

- Under VII. Faculty Issues, second bullet, fourth line, the last sentence was deleted. An additional line item was added, namely “The renovation in Pray-Harold which was to take place during the summer of 2004 did not happen.”
- On the list of those present, Martha Tack, Senior Executive for Presidential Initiatives, was added.

III. Election of Vice-President and Secretary

Sharon Erenburg will continue as vice-president.
Alida Westman will be the secretary.

IV. Ratification of Standing Committee Chairs

The following people will chair the standing committees.

Procedures and Elections – Lidia Lee

Distinguished Faculty Awards and Honorary Degrees – Margrit Zinggeler

Academic Affairs – Jim Porter

Intercollegiate Athletics – Vincent Benitez

Technology Issues – Debi Silverman

Student Issues – Tim Brewer

V. Election of Representatives to the President’s Commission on the Future of Instructional Delivery

Candidates were presented by the representatives or described themselves. Additional nominations were presented. Then the complete slate was voted upon.

In addition to these representatives, Daryl Barton has pointed out to Interim President Willis that Graduate Council also should be represented.

College of Arts and Sciences:

Harry Eiss (English) and Donald Pearson (Economics).

College of Health and Human Services:

Debi Silverman (School of Health Sciences)

College of Business:

Daryl Barton (Marketing and Law)

College of Education:

John Palladino (Special Education)

College of Technology:

Ronald Fulkert (School of Technology Studies)

Halle Library Information Systems:

Ray Lucas (Library)

VI. Vote on the Graduate School's Proposal on IELTS

Proposal: Accept IELTS (International English Language Testing System) as the method to test English language skills of applicants to the graduate school. The proposal was unanimously accepted.

Proposal: Accept 6.5 as the baseline score. This motion was withdrawn when some representatives indicated that 6.0 would be better. Some courses require less competence in English than others, and there is concern about a drop in enrollment. Other universities within Michigan use 6.5, but urban universities across the country use 6.0.

Proposal: Ask Graduate Council to revisit the score of 6.0 vs 6.5 with Faculty Council's concerns in mind. Graduate Council's decision will be accepted by Faculty Council. Passed: 16-5-3.

VII. Library Advisory Council Representative—request for nominations

A person not working in the library is requested to join the Advisory Council. **If you are interested, or you know of someone who is, please let Daryl Barton know.**

VIII. Faculty Development Center – Karen Busch, Director

Call for Fellows and other volunteers

There is a new Faculty Development Center in 109 Halle. The director is Karen Busch, kbusch@emich.edu. Mark Ragg is the Interim Associate Director for Research, mark.ragg@emich.edu. The goal is to create and support academic excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service.

A Faculty Development Advisory Committee will be formed. The committee meets on the second Monday of the month from 3 – 5 p.m. A random half will have a one-year term, and the remainder will have a two-year term. Two representatives will come from the College of Arts and Sciences, and one will come from each of the other colleges. They will assess the needs faculty have and prioritize the needs.

They also will select four faculty fellows who will receive a quarter time release to become an expert in one of the content areas of two modular courses to be presented during the 2005 – 2006 Fall and Winter terms. The modular course during the Fall is for new faculty, and the modules concern the creation of syllabi, grading, active teaching skills, student issues, and assessment. During the Winter term, the course deals with scholarship and service. The faculty fellows will serve as mentors to those enrolled.

If you are interested in serving on the Advisory Committee or as a faculty fellow, or you know of someone who would be interested, please let Daryl Barton know.

Further, there will be workshops, but more emphasis will be put on longer, multiple-session courses. There will be a course on SNAP which is an easy to use program for developing paper and pencil, on-line, telephone, or scantron based surveys. Training is from noon to 2 p.m. in Halle 110. Session 1 is Tu 10/5 or W 10/6. Session 2 is Tu 10/12 or W 10/13. Session 3 is Tu 10/19 or W 10/20. For more information contact Mark Ragg or Karen Busch.

If you are interested in creating a workshop on AMOS or SPSS, please let Daryl Barton know within the next two weeks.

IX. Faculty Council and the University – general discussion

Daryl Barton indicated that she believes that Faculty Council should take a

proactive role with several subcommittees which have very specific goals in specific areas. The areas include transfer credit and a textbook listing which lets students know which text(s) to get for each of their courses.

Another recommendation was that Interim President Willis hold townhouse meetings at University House.

The schedule of speakers for the year was presented.

October 6 – Provost Loppnow

October 20 – President Willis

November 3 – V.P. for University Relations, Juanita Reid

December 1 – Plagerism by Jennifer Schrage. The Faculty Development Center, the Library, and ICT have cooperated to purchase a program to detect plagiarism.

January 5 – Stuart Starnor of the Foundation. Student Body President, Edward Davis II, and Vice-President, Robert Murkowski.

January 19 – President Willis

February 2 – Provost Loppnow

Further speakers have not been scheduled, because other specific issues, such as reform of General Education

X. Announcements

- a. The second FCEB (Faculty Council Executive Board) meeting is on 22 September 2004, 3 -5 p.m. in the Faculty Council Office, 104 Pierce Hall.**
- b. The third Faculty Council meeting is on 6 October 2004, 3 – 5 p.m. in the Tower Room of McKenny Union.**
- c. Please read your e-mail regularly. It is the primary method of communication regarding upcoming Faculty Council meetings and announcements.**

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alida Westman

Present: M. Rahman, ACC; V Okafor, AFS; M Ruggiero, ART; T Brewer, CHEM; S Haynes, COSC; S Erenburg, ECON; I Ahmad, CIS; S. McCracken, CTA; M Zinggeler, FLABS; C Mayda, GEO/GEOLOGY; K Chamberlain, HIS/PHIL; D Silverman, S-HS; C Haddad, S-TS; G Mitchell, S-ET; L Sharito, HALLE; R. Hill, MGMT; D Barton, MKT/LAW; G Ahlbrandt, MATH; V Benitez, MUSC; P Alford, S-N; J Porter, PHY/AST; A Westman, PSY; M Ziefert, S-SW; R Orange, SAC; L Lee, SPED; M McCormack, TED; P. Zimmer, GRAD COUNCIL, M. Tack, PRESIDENT'S OFFICE; R. VanDerVelde, PROVOST'S OFFICE **Guests:** K. Busch, FDC; D Delaski-Smith; S. Rutherford, GEOL; P. Becker, STS-alternate **Absent:** BIO, ENG, LDRSHP/COUNS, POL SCI, S-HPHP