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DRAFT Faculty Senate minutes for 10-20-10 meeting:

1-2. The agenda was approved, and the Minutes of the 10-6-10 meeting approved with corrections.

3. Appointments for many bodies. Names below are of faculty members elected to the relevant positions:

a. no nominations yet for FS Secretary.

b. Security Safety and Advisory Committee: Linda Kinczkowski elected.

c. URSLC: for COT, John Texted and for CAS, Tim Brewer elected.

d. Academic Affairs Planning Committee:

CAS-1: Elaine Martin, PLSC

CAS-2: Bob Winning, BIO

COT: Carol Haddah

CHHS: Pamela Lemerand

COE: Lidia Lee

COB: Mahmud Rahmad

Library: Rachel Cheng

e. Student Computer, Information, & Technology Literacy Committee:

1. FS, Matt Evett

2. CAS-1: James Perren, World Languages

3. CAS-2: Pat Koehn, P&A

4. COT: Jiang Lu

5. CHHS: no nominees

6. COE: Myong-Sook Koh, SpEd

7. COB: no nominees

8. Library: Sara Memmott

f. Gen Ed Course Vetting (1 member needed for each of the 5 areas):

Quantitative Reasoning – Gisela Ahlbrandt, Math;

Global Awareness: Jeff Popko, World Languages

Humanities: Elisabeth Daeumer

Social Sciences: no nominees

College of Education: Mary Rearick

g. Gen Ed, Writing Intensive (“WAC fellows preferred”):

-- COB: Zafar Khan, ACCT

-- COT, Guy Downs

h. GenEd, Learning Beyond the Classroom:

--“any college”: Dawn Percy, COB

--non-CAS: Pamela Lemerand (CHHS).

--CAS: Sandy Norton

i. GenEd, Faculty and Staff Development (2 needed):

i. CAS : no nominee

ii. non-CAS: Jackie LaRose, COE

j. GEnEd, Assessment (Assessment experience preferred, qualitative research background preferred):

i. CHHS: Vic Chiasson, CHHS

ii. CAS: John Dunn, ENGL

k. Faculty Development Center Advisory Committee:

i. Library: Paula Storm.

ii. CHHS: no nominee.

l. David Pawlowski, Physics & Astronomy, elected to the IT Business Operations Committee.

4. “Old Business” – University Budget Council. It was noted by President Evett that so far, the Administration has not responded to the Senate motion of 9-15-10 seeking a dialogue on improving the process by which faculty input on budgetary matters is permitted. Two members stated their objections to the decision of the 8 faculty members of the 24 member UBC to withdraw from attending meetings until and unless improved means for ensuring faculty input is heard and permitted are seriously discussed. Others stressed that, lacking a considered response from the Administration to the Senate’s motion and the concerns of the faculty on UBC, no action was in order. No resignations from the UBC have been offered, so there are no openings.

5. Remarks by Provost Kay:

1. the departure of Associate Bob Neely, effective in January, will leave a variety of “holes” in the Provost’s office staff. Will ask the Faculty Senate to recommend 1 person to help screen candidates for an interim(s) position, to be filled internally, and quickly. Later, a national search will be conducted, with faculty input, on that separate appointment (separate from the short term interim appointment).

2. International Stimulus Grant for faculty – December 1 deadline. \$100,000 pool, Announcement sent out in Academic Affairs newsletter.

3. A 2nd forum on the controversial ECHO cartoon was held today, producing a good discussion and outstanding comments from the panelists.

4. The provost has asked Shawn Quilter to move from acting to interim Dean of COE. National search to be held for Dean. One question to the provost asked about the fact that Dr Quilter was now doing the jobs normally done by 3 people; the Provost noted that the new interim dean has authority to make appropriate interim appointments. A second question was about the input provided by COE faculty on appointing an interim Dean; it was stated that COE faculty had recommended that the retired COE dean Jerry Robbins be made interim dean. The Provost stated that he had considered the COE faculty input carefully and had made his decision, but could not comment on personnel matters.

5. The Provost stated that he supports the new title “Dean of the Library” and that whether Board of Regents’ action is required to make the change is now being looked into.

6. Provost Kay stated that Bette Warren would be coming to the FS to talk about EMU compliance with new federal rules on textbook selection/transparency. We may now be in compliance, but maybe just barely.

7. Program Review changes need to be discussed.

8. The Provost described the upcoming celebration on Friday of the Consular Corps of Michigan as a promising collaboration, helpful for EMU's internationalization efforts.

9. The Provost gave a legislative update: EMU is making progress on getting Strong Hall into the final bill for a capital outlay in Lansing. Our legislative advocates are pushing back against attempts to "punish" Eastern for our stand in the legal case pertaining to counseling and professional standards.

10. The provost noted that for flu shoots, Snow Health is "in network," covered by faculty members' BC/BS insurance.

7. President Evett made mention of forthcoming proposed changes to FS bylaws pertaining to alternatives and elections of new senators.

8. EEFC ('facilities committee') – Matt Evett announced that in PH more asbestos have been found than was expected, slowing down some work. Faculty from PH recalled having been told 10 years ago that all asbestos had already been removed. A brief discussion also held on the goal of renovating Strong Hall, and the hopes of obtaining an office for each member of the faculty (as opposed to doubling up and tripling up of faculty assignments).

9. President Matt Evett's remarks:

i. Student Govt. President Antonio Cosme has asked to speak to the FS and it will be scheduled;

ii. stated that under the new contract, faculty evaluations of Deans are to be conducted henceforth by the college advisory councils (not the senate).

iii. reported that Chief of Police O'Dell says arrests have been made in recent cases and that investigations are proceeding.

iv. Bob Neely is to be at the next FS meeting, to discuss the program review process, which has now been named "Academic Review."

Attendance for 10-20-10 Senate meeting:

E Lowenstein, TED; Larry Kolopjlo, Chem; J Texter, SET; J Nims, Library; E Martin, PLSC; Karen Saules, Psych; J Carbone, SHS; Tony Moreno, HPHP; Rob Orrange, SAC; C Mayda, G&G; M Bombyk, SSW; M DeBello, NURS; B Winning, BIO; David Chou, CIS; S Gray, WGST; Tim Brewer, Chem/Grad Council; L Lee, Sp Ed; D Barton, MKT/LAW; S Erenburg, ECO; S Norton, ENG; S McCracken, CMTA; Kunal Banerji, MGMT; Willard Zirk, MAD; P Koehn, P&A; Cathy Day, World Languages; P Majeske, STS; M Higbee, H&P; Provost Jack Kay (ex officio), M Evett, ComSci.

--Respectfully submitted by FS secretary Mark Higbee

