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UNIVERSITY FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES – MEETING THREE

November 5, 2008, 3 – 5 p.m.

310 Student Center

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487-0196

I. Call to order

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

II. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously after some items were added. The provost asked to address Faculty Council. Jeff Bernstein and Sarah Ginsberg asked to provide information about a conference on teaching to be held at EMU.

III. Approval of the Minutes of October 15, 2008

The minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. Provost's Report – Don Loppnow

- The Ph.D. in Educational Studies has been submitted to the Higher Learning Commission. This involves a specialty in Urban Education and in Nursing Education. The programs need to be accredited in order to be able to write for grants.
- An undergraduate program in “Simulation and Gaming” will be presented to the Board of Regents.
- A number of searches need to be done. Searches are needed for (1) Associate VP for Academic Programming, (2) dean of the College of Health and Human Services, and (3) Assistant VP for Academic Human Resources.
- David Woiki will be the interim Assistant VP for Academic Human Resources for about 6 months while the search for a permanent VP is taking place. He will begin at the end of the Fall term, and hopefully the search will be done by July 1. Russ Larson will represent Faculty Council on the search committee; Susan Moeller will represent the EMU-AAUP; and there also will be a representative from the Lecturers' Union. The faculty of Music and Dance will search for an interim DH with dean of CAS, Tom Vetter. Money also will be available for release time for faculty who may be needed to help put on performances by the department.
- Following discussion, consensus was reached that having a person in an interim position for 4 years is too long. Don Loppnow indicated that this long duration was due to very unusual circumstances at EMU during this time period.

V. Committee Appointments

1. Student Recruitment Committee

Heather Neff (ENG), Russ Olwell (HIS/PHIL), Ed Etter (ACC), Barry Pyle (PLS), Tony Moreno (HPHP)

2. Search Committee for a VP for Academic Programming

Ray Quiel (CMTA), and Bruce Carroll (PLS)

3. URSLC

Konnie Kustron (COT), and Pat Williams-Boyd (COE)

4. Faculty Development Advisory Committee

Still needed is a representative from the Sciences in CAS and from Teacher Ed in COE

5. Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee – Shel Levine will run the election

VI. President's Report – Russ Larson

1. Proactive Stance of Faculty Council

Faculty Council should be proactive. The motions being presented are part of this endeavor. The intent is to look for issues where our feedback may be helpful. If representatives notice other issues, please make them known.

2. Appointment of Faculty Marshals

This task will be taken over by Academic Affairs. The provost's office will create a rotation system to make the process more efficient. The provost will notify the department heads of the departments whose turn it is to supply faculty marshals.

3. Demonstrations by Soul Savers in Front of the Library

The events were handled well. President Susan Martin made herself available. A tent was set up in the area after the demonstrations, so that students could come to talk with faculty members. Students were very mature in how they handled the demonstrations, and the police made sure that students and demonstrators were kept separate as needed to maintain the peace.

The Soul Savers videotaped the whole demonstration in order to have a record. The group consists of outsiders, and as a result, the participants do not need to follow the rules and regulations for students and faculty. They have come to campus for the past five years, but their tactics are escalating. As a result it is worthwhile for EMU to work with other universities which this group also visits on a regular basis to see what can be done to be prepared more adequately for their demonstrations in order to make sure that there is free speech but no harassment or criminal actions.

VII. Faculty Council Motions

1. Motion Concerning Dual Administrative Appointments

The University should avoid dual administrative appointments if these may lead to conflicts of interest between the different administrative positions.

The motion passed 23-0-0.

2. Program Review

The Executive Board of Faculty Council moves that Faculty Council appoint a committee consisting of one representative from each college to assess the effectiveness of the current program review process. Lidia Lee will chair the committee. The committee will report to Faculty Council no later than March 2009.

The motion passed 19-0-0.

3. Gen Ed

The Executive Board of Faculty Council moves that Faculty Council appoint a committee consisting of two representatives from CAS and one representative from each of the other colleges to assess the effectiveness of the new General Education requirements. Matt Evett and Mark Higbee will co-chair the committee. The committee will report to Faculty Council no later than March 2009.

The motion passed 19-0-0.

4. Motion concerning URSLC

Each college council may make a recommendation to Faculty Council concerning the appropriate college representative to the University Research and Sabbatical Leave Committee. Faculty Council will consider the recommendations in appointing the representatives.

This motion needs to be discussed with faculty, and the motion will be voted upon at the next Faculty Council meeting.

5. Education First

Faculty Council recommends that the number of administrators across all divisions be kept to a minimum and that extra resources go to support student learning. Education First!

This motion needs to be discussed with faculty, and the motion will be voted upon at the next Faculty Council meeting.

6. Computer Literacy of Students

Faculty Council recommends that EMU systematically investigate the computer literacy of incoming students to determine what needs to be done to support students with poor skills in this area.

This motion needs to be discussed with faculty, and the motion will be voted upon at the next Faculty Council meeting.

VIII. SOTL Academy 2009 – Jeff Bernstein and Sarah Ginsberg

Teaching is recognized as serious intellectual work, and the same standards should be used as in research. There will be a conference at EMU. The cost is \$120/person for the two days as a result of subsidy by the university. The website is www.emich.edu/sotlacademy.

IX. E-Fellows Charter

The E-Fellows Charter and process for selecting faculty representatives passed 17-0-1.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alida Westman

Present: M. Rahman (ACC); M. Peters (AFS); D. Pancioli (ART); L. Kolopajlo (CHEM); S. McCracken (CMTA); P. Sanchez (CIS); M. Evett (COSC); D. Crary (ECON); J. Stein (ENGIN TECH); R. Larson (ENG); V. Howells (Health Sci); M. Higbee (HIS/PHIL); S. Levine (HPHP); J. Nims (Library); M. Al-Khafaji (MTH); K. Banerji (MGMT); M. Thomsen (PHY/AST); A. Westman (PSY); R. Orrange (SAC); M. Bombyk (SWK); L. Lee (SPED); P. Becker (TECH STUDIES); P. Williams-Boyd (TED); J. Thomas (WGST)
Ex-Officio: Don Loppnow (PROVOST, VP OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, EXEC VP)
Guest: Tim Brewer (GRADUATE COUNCIL).
Absent: BIOL; FLABS; GEO/GEOL; L & C; MKT; MUSIC & DANCE; NURS; PLS