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UNIVERSITY FACULTY COUNCIL (UFC) MINUTES – MEETING SIX

November 16, 2005, 3 – 5 p.m.

Tower Room, McKenny Union

www.emich.edu/facultycouncil

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487-0196

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:02

II. Approval of the minutes of November 2, 2005

The minutes were approved.

III. Committee Appointments

A. General Education Implementation Subcommittees

The following appointments were endorsed. **For the positions still open, if you are interested, or if you know of someone who is, please let Daryl Barton know.**

1. Learning Beyond the Classroom

Still needed: someone from COB

2. Writing Intensive

COT – Eric Lokensgard

3. Catalog Development Taskforce – (Bill Miller)

CHHS: Craig Fuller

Still needed: one appointment from the other colleges – preferably someone with college council experience.

B. URSLC – FRF substitute from CAS: David Crary (ECON)

C. Bookstore proposals for the new Student Union

Two University Faculty Council representatives:

Sandy Norton and Elizabeth Broughton

D. Commencement Marshalls – Carol Haddad

Faculty Marshalls: Carla Damiano and Joseph Csicsila

Graduate Student Marshalls: C. Anderson, D. Anderson,

R. Fulkert, C. Haddad

Undergraduate Student Marshalls: D. Clifford, N. Copeland,

D. Crary, M. Evett

IV. Guests – Foreign Students, especially students from Saudi Arabia – Courtney McAnuff, Vice President of Enrollment Services, and Kathy Orscheln, Assistant to V.P. McAnuff

The U.S. has made an agreement with the Saudi government that 10,000 students will come to 250 institutions in the U.S., 50 to EMU. The Saudi government pays tuition, fees, expenses, and a monthly stipend. The students are in the top 2% in their country. Because of the huge number of students, it was not possible to have them all take the TOEFL before coming to the U.S. As a result, EMU is checking whether it is possible to give a test indicating competence in English here at EMU. If a student does not meet the English standard, the student will study English as a Second Language before enrolling in classes. Concerns are how we can ensure that they will have a good experience here in the U.S., especially because currently enrolled Saudis are not doing well due to a lack of knowledge of English.

Accommodations for their culture need to be made to some degree; however, they are expected to fit into U.S. society also. What is considered appropriate behavior varies as a function of the particular interpretation of Islam which students follow, for example, whether women should be veiled in a Western context, whether they can drive, sit next to men, etc. The students will live in apartments rather than dorms, because we have no unisex dorms on campus. EMU students will meet and greet them. Arab Americans in Dearborn will help, and EMU's ties with the Arab American community can be deepened as a result also. There are mosques in Dearborn and Ann Arbor to serve their religious needs.

The process developed to help these students adjust will be followed with other foreign students also. Further, scholarships will be created from the income for countries which are not as wealthy. The poor countries need to be prioritized. Equity is a concern, so that we are evaluated as being fair, and also so that EMU is not sued.

Further, it is absolutely critical that faculty be included in decision making, so that decisions are not made by administrators only, because administrators look at issues differently, and they may not know some of the issues important to having these students succeed in classrooms.

V. Guests – SPAM filter – Ron Woody and Bill Shell (ICT)

A SPAM filter is available at <http://ict.emich.edu>. This site takes you to <http://mailfilter.emich.edu>. Following the directions, you can either block SPAM, create a folder to which to send the SPAM messages, or set your own filter.

Any faculty member who would like more computer space will get it upon request.

VI. Declaration of Major Policy

Gersham Nelson sent a proposal for declaring a major, because many students do not get appropriate advising and declare their major very late. Sometimes they have taken the wrong courses for the major which they declare and this delays their graduation.

Faculty Council recommended that the declaration of a major should be made early and that the requirement to declare be stated clearly. At the moment the major still needs to be entered by hand, but it is hoped that this can be done soon from the website.

VII. AQIP projects – www.emich.edu/aqip click on action projects

The Gen Ed assessment will be done by the Gen Ed assessment committee which already has been elected. Another project involves advising. Advising is done in very different ways in different colleges. **Appointments to this committee are needed.**

VIII. Other Business

A. University Faculty Council. The minutes are now posted on the website, www.emich.edu/facultycouncil

B. BOR -- Faculty Affairs Subcommittee

The presentation on Research, including internal funding, was very successful. The EMU Administration, EMU-AAUP, and UFC all agree that research is critical and needs to be funded.

C. University Faculty Council Leadership Scholarship—endowed vs. expendable scholarship

The FCEB will study which option is better in the long run.

To donate to the scholarship, indicate to the EMU Foundation that it is for the scholarship. Should you wish to know the number, go to http://www.emufoundation.org/fs_where_to_give.asp

D. Timely Agendas. The request was made to get the agenda to Faculty Council meetings earlier, so that it is possible to find out what the faculty whom one represents think about various issues. Knowledge about what is being planned for future meetings also would be appreciated. Agendas may need to indicate tentative plans, because it is not always clear whether the people who have been invited can come to a particular meeting.

IX. Announcements

- The **seventh University Faculty Council** meeting for the 2005- 2006 Academic Year will be held on December 7, 2005.
- The first meeting of **University Faculty Council** in the next semester will be on **January 18, 2006**.
- The **seventh University Faculty Council Executive Board** meeting for the 2005-2006 Academic Year will be held on November 9, 2005, 3 – 5 p.m. in the Faculty Council Office, 104 Pierce Hall
- Please make sure you read your e-mail regularly. It is the primary method of communication regarding upcoming Faculty Council meetings and announcements. Please reduce your accumulated e-mail; otherwise, OVERQUOTA will appear, and you will not receive current materials.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alida Westman

Present: V. Okafor (AFS); M. Reedy (ART); J. Eisenbach (BIOL); D. Snyder (CHEM); S. McCracken (CTA); M. Evett (COSC); D. Crary (ECON); S. Krause (ENGL); P. Sanchez (CIS); M. Zinggeler (FLABS); C. Mayda (GEO/GEOL); M. Paciorek (HPPH); D. Clifford (HEALTH SCI); P. Becker (TECH STUDIES); G. Mitchell (ENGIN TECH); E. Broughton (L & C); D. Barton (MKT); J. Jones (MATH); J. R. Smith (MUS/DANCE); S. Nelson (NURS); J. Porter (PHY/AST); A. Westman (PSY); R. Orrange (SAC); M. Bombyk (SWK); L. Lee (SPED); M. McCormack (TED); S. Norton (WMST).

Ex-Officio: N. Contas (ASSISTANT V.P. OF ACADEMIC SERVICES)

Guests: C. McAnuff (V.P. ENROLLMENT SERVICES); Kathy Orscheln, ASSISTANT TO V.P. McAnuff; Ron Woody (ICT); William Shell (ICT); P. Zimmer (GRAD COUNCIL); C. Day (FLABS).

Absent: ACC; HIST/PHIL; HALLE; MGMT; PLS