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UNIVERSITY FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES – MEETING FOUR

November 1, 2006, 3 – 5 p.m.

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487-0196

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:06.

II. Approval of the Minutes of October 18, 2006

The minutes were approved.

III. Faculty Marshals – Commencement on December 17, 2006

The following marshals were approved. Susan Pfoutz (Nursing), Lidia Lee (Special Ed), Judy Olson (Health Services), Lori Watson (History & Philosophy), David Anderson (Leadership & Counseling), Daryl Barton (Marketing – Grand Marshal), Pat Williams-Boyd (Teacher Ed), Sandy Norton (Women's Study).

Faculty should feel free to wear AAUP buttons and caps.

IV. New Vendor for the Student Center Bookstore

The new bookstore is managed by Follett Higher Education Group. Sandy Norton and Liz Broughton were on the committee to evaluate the bookstore vendor proposals. This vendor is willing to be a genuine bookstore. Please support this bookstore by including it in your book order. This is especially important because students with certain types of scholarships, such as athletes, can only get their books for the official university bookstore, and when text books are not available there, these students cannot get their books.

V. Committee Appointments

A. Parking Committee – Sarah Fabian (Library) was elected unanimously.

B. Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Committee – 2 faculty representatives were needed. **Lois Mahoney** (COB) and **Shel Levine** (HPHP) were elected unanimously.

VI. Discussion: Resolution to the Board of Regents

Resolution 1: Daryl Barton was unanimously appointed to speak for the University Faculty Council at the Public Affairs session of the next meeting of the Board of Regents on the afternoon of November 14.

Resolution 2: A resolution to be presented to the Board of Regents was proposed and seconded. Discussion included the following.

- Some individual faculty members have been contacted to see whether they would be willing to get together with some of the members of the Board of Regents. This strategy is an attempt to divide and conquer the faculty, and such meetings are inappropriate. This strategy should be kept in mind as a context in deciding on the resolution to be presented to the Board of Regents.
- The public dispute between the regents and the faculty would have been avoided if there had been Shared Governance.
- Some departments thought the resolution was not strong enough, whereas others thought it was too strong.
- Some faculty are hoping that dialogue between faculty and regents is possible, and that this should be the goal of our actions; whereas others

believe that discussion is not likely, and we should be planning alternate actions.

- Some representatives indicated that the failed negotiations were the immediate instigation for the resolution. However, there is a systemic problem with the Board of Regents in their failure to support EMU's central academic mission, and this systemic problem needs to be addressed independently of the outcome of the negotiations.
- The public disrespect of the Board of Regents for the faculty hurts the public image of the university and has very negative consequences for the university in its ability to attract students and funding from Lansing.
- A great deal of money is being used for purposes other than the central mission of EMU. This includes the College Place plan and the money to be donated to the Athletic Department.
- Specific suggestions need to be added to the resolution.
- Perhaps there should be a series of resolutions during different meetings of the University Faculty Council dealing with different topics, such as the limited voice of Academic Affairs at the Strategic Operating Council, the at-will service of administrators which makes them hesitant to speak up, support for the union as the bargaining agent for the faculty, etc. Faculty members are urged to think about resolutions which would be appropriate and meaningful.

The resolution as originally proposed was defeated (9-17-4). A motion was made to modify the distributed resolution to include an emphasis on Shared Governance and a list of issues that need to be addressed was approved (22-5-2). A committee of David Clifford, Ross Nord and Daryl Barton will redraft the resolution to reflect the intent of the motion.

VII. Discussion: College Place Plan; EMU Foundation to Donate \$116,000 to the Athletic Department

- A. Faculty Council did not review the College Place Plan;** however, both the President of University Faculty Council, Daryl Barton, and the President of Student Government, Daniel Cicchini objected to it at the Facilities Planning Committee meetings.
- B. EMU Foundation to Give \$116,000 to the Athletic Department to Buy Football Tickets.** Daryl Barton has objected, but the objection has not been heeded.

VIII. Announcements

- A.** Board of Regents Faculty Affairs Subcommittee meets November 14 afternoon in Welch Hall, time unknown. The topic is Shared Governance.
- B.** Board of Regents Public Comments Session on November 14 afternoon, Welch Hall, time unknown. Daryl Barton will speak for Faculty Council and present the resolution passed today.
- C. University Faculty Council Leadership Scholarship:** Account #R16236 Faculty/Staff Campaign Designation

IX. Future Meetings and Locations.

- D.** The **Fifth UFC** meeting for the 2006-2007 academic year will be held on November 15, 2006, 3 to 5 p.m. in The Student Center, room TBA.

- E.** The **Fourth UFC Executive Board** meeting will be held on November 8, 2006, in the University Faculty Council office.
- F.** **Please make sure that 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.
- G.** University Faculty Council minutes, documents, committee reports, etc., are now posted on the website, www.emich.edu/facultycouncil
- H. Where UFC will meet 2006-2007:**
 - November 15: new Student Center (Room TBA)
 - December 6: fifth floor of the REC IM building
 - January 17 and thereafter: new Student Center (Room TBA).

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alida Westman

Present: M. Rahman (ACC); V. Okafor (AFS); M. Coffman (BIOL); R. Nord (CHEM); S. McCracken (CTA); I. Ahmad (CIS); M. Evett (COSC); J. Rice (ECON); T. Shay (ENGIN TECH); R. Larsen (ENG); M. Zinggeler (FLABS); S. Rutherford (GEO/GEOL); L. Watson (HIS/PHIL); D. Clifford (HEALTH SCI); S. Levine (HPHP); L. Klopfer (Library); K. Banerji (MGMT); D. Barton (MKT); J. C. Jones (MATH); J. R. Smith (MUS/DANCE); G. Rubenfeld (NURS); E. Behringer (PHY/AST); A. Lottie (PLS); A. Westman (PSY); R. Orrange (SAC); lidia Lee (SPED); M. Bombyk (SWK); P. Williams-Boyd (TED); P. Becker (TECH STUDIES); S. Norton (WMST)

Absent: ART; L & C