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UNIVERSITY FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES – MEETING FIVE

November 15, 2006, 3 – 5 p.m.

EMU Student Center

www.emich.edu/facultycouncil

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487-0196

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:05.

II. Approval of the Agenda and the Minutes of November 1, 2006

They were approved.

III. Guest: Decky Alexander & MaryJo Desprez – United Way

The need is significant, and many of our students benefit from the agencies which are supported by United Way. There is now a 211 help line which people can call to get help. Traditionally EMU faculty and staff rank high in the percent of people who participate (40%).

If an individual or group is on a terrorism watchlist, the assets of the group are frozen. All agencies which receive funding from United Way sign that to the best of their knowledge there is no person in the group who has connections with a terrorist organization.

For further questions, please contact MaryJo Desprez at 487-2226 or mdesprez@emich.edu

IV. Guest: Karen Paciorek – Faculty/Staff Campaign

Last year every member of the University Faculty Council Executive Board contributed, and EMU faculty and staff usually rank high in the percent of people who contribute to EMU through the Foundation. The list of programs to which people can contribute on the Foundation website is not complete. Payments can be made through payroll to make donations easy, but December 8 is the last date to contribute and still use payroll deductions. Faculty can contribute to the programs in which they themselves work.

V. Faculty/Staff Campaign: University Faculty Council Leadership Scholarship – Account # R16236

This is a Faculty/Staff Campaign Designation. Daryl Barton reviewed the tax credit people can get in Michigan (\$100, that is, half of a \$200 donation for an individual, and \$200, half of a \$400 donation for a couple, plus a possible decrease in the federal tax people need to pay).

VI. Committee Appointments

A. General Education Implementation Committees

The following people were unanimously affirmed; they already are serving. Many more positions will open up this Spring, and people are asked to consider serving or finding people who would be willing to serve.

Jim Stein – COB – Learning Beyond the classroom

Ed Etter – COB – Evaluation

Linda Adler-Kassner – CAS – Evaluation

Better Shellhorn – COE – Writing Intensive

B. Biennial Review Committee – Alcohol and Drugs

Every two years the policy and procedures need to be reviewed to be in compliance with federal government dictates, accreditation standards, and

the NCAA. Diane Parfitt (L & C) volunteered and was unanimously elected to serve on the committee.

C. Search Committee – Executive Assistant to the President

This committee is chaired by Jim Vick. Mahmud Rahman (ACC) was unanimously elected to serve on the committee.

D. Search Committee – Student Judicial Services

Elizabeth Broughton was unanimously elected to serve on this committee.

VII. FAR (Faculty Athletic Representative) nominations

Every three years, the elected officers of the University Faculty Council (president, vice-president, and secretary) screen the candidates for the position of Faculty Athletic Representative, and the names of the candidates who can serve are sent to the EMU president who decides which person will serve as FAR. This year there are four candidates, and all are acceptable. The candidates are Elizabeth Broughton, Howard Bunsis, Howard Booth, and Shell Levine. University Faculty Council endorsed these candidates for the FAR position (26-1-1).

VIII. Review of the Board of Regents Meeting on November 14, 2006

A. Faculty Affairs – Shared Governance

Daryl Barton, Matt Evett, and Lidia Lee made presentations, and these were well received. A former AAUP president, Dr. Perley, presented information about shared governance.

All of the Regents and all of the UFC representatives will receive a copy of the AAUP redbook soon. A new edition has just been published.

It is hoped that the relationship between the faculty and regents will become more congenial, and that the regents will set policy rather than micromanage events at the university. The regents are very free to visit our classes to observe what happens, but not to tell us what to teach in classes. Some of the regents are in a position to make available opportunities for students by being liaisons with business organizations.

For further information, please consult the following websites:

1. Shared Governance at Colleges and Universities: www.aft.org/pubs-reports/higher_ed/shared_governance.pdf
2. The Critical State of Shared Governance: www.aaup.org/publications/Academe/2002/02ja/02jasco.htm
3. Eastern Washington University – a model of shared governance: www.ewu.edu/x15044.xml

B. Public Comments – Resolution

Daryl Barton presented the Resolution of University Faculty Council. It was well received. The resolution will be put on the website. Clearly the tone for interactions between the regents and faculty are set by issues surrounding the contract and getting the contract settled.

It is hoped that the regents will respond by executing the suggestion that there be faculty representation on the Finance Committee of the Board of Regents.

IX. Discussion of the University Faculty Council Position Statement Supporting the EMU-AAUP

Resolution: The University Faculty Council fully supports the EMU-AAUP in its representation of faculty in the current negotiations with the administration of Eastern Michigan University to obtain a fair and equitable labor agreement. The lack of progress toward reaching a resolution of the outstanding issues is unacceptable. Faculty need and deserve to have a new binding Master Agreement with Eastern Michigan University's administration. Therefore, the UFC strongly urges all parties to work in good faith and to use all available methods to reach an agreement as soon as possible.

The resolution passed unanimously with minimal discussion. Daryl Barton will distribute it to the Regents, Provost (who was present throughout this meeting), Deans, Department Heads, and post it on the website.

During the discussion on joint governance it became clear that there are mediators who specialize in higher education. Perhaps this is a route to explore.

X. Announcements

A. Instructional Aids, not including furniture or computers.

Please indicate to your Department Head what you need and think outside the box. Things not funded from the current fund will be passed on to the Foundation to use in fundraising.

B. The topic of the next UFC meeting will be Program Review

IX. Future Meetings and Locations.

A. December 5, 2006, 9 a.m., location to be announced, the Divisional Leadership Team meets.

B. The **Sixth UFC** meeting for the 2006-2007 academic year will be held on December 6, 2006, 3 to 5 p.m. on the Fifth Floor of the Rec/IM.

C. The **Fifth UFC Executive Board** meeting will be held on November 29, 2006, in the University Faculty Council office.

D. 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.

E. University Faculty Council minutes, documents, committee reports, etc., are now posted on the website, www.emich.edu/facultycouncil

F. Where UFC will meet 2006-2007:

December 6: fifth floor of the REC IM building

January 17 and thereafter: new Student Center (Room 310).

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alida Westman

Present: M. Rahman (ACC); V. Okafor (AFS); M. Reedy (ART); M. Coffman (BIOL); R. Nord (CHEM); S. McCracken (CTA); P. Sanchez (CIS); M. Evett (COSC); J. Rice (ECON); T. Shay (ENGIN TECH); R. Larsen (ENG); M. Zinggeler (FLABS); S. Rutherford (GEO/GEOL); D. Clifford (HEALTH SCI); L. Watson (HIS/PHIL); S. Levine (HPHP); D. Parfitt (L & C); L. Klopfer (Library); 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); L. Lee (SPED); M. Bombyk (SWK); P. Becker (TECH STUDIES); S. Norton (WMST)

Ex-Officio: D. Loppnow (PROVOST & V.P. FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS)

Guests: D. Alexander (CTA); M. Desprez (HEALTH SERVICES);
K. Paciorek (TED)

Absent: MGMT; SAC; TED