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Notes on Faculty Senate meeting – March 18, 2015 – Halle Library, Room 300

Attendance List: Norton, Francis, Baier, Koehn, Pancioli, Woodiel, Quiel, Higbee, Crary, Eisenbach, McVey, Foster, Rahman, Peters, Edwards, Chou, Evett, Hayworth, Moore, Tout, Banerji, Barton, Rusiniak, Orrange, Wedenoja, Smith, Downs, Majeske, Zinggeler, Hammond Jr

Guests: Provost Kay Schatzel;

Agenda approval – 3:03

March 4 minutes: approved 3:04

ELECTIONS

Call for of upcoming elections/nominations. Nominations due by March 25?

Prez, Veep, Sec’y and Membership Coord. All open. (two-year terms)

The Process

1. Elect officers
2. FSEB constituted – invitation to chair FSEB interest areas from newly elected leadership – ratification by full faculty senate

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee Report

“Preliminary Report from FS Resource & Budget Cmte – March 18, 2015.”

Comments from D. Crary

Page 1:

- lower numbers of h.s. graduates – 13% decline over 4 year period
- FTIACS increase but SCH declining
- Applications from FTIACS up 25% so far this year – from Pres. Martin at BOR meeting, March 17

Page 2: summaries of key points

- FY2014 – \$7M less than budgeted, how to address this?
- FY12-FY14 financial aid increased, offset net revenue gain.
- Shortfall in actual v. budget offset by some stock value increase
- Benefits over-budget in FY14, but in past FYs offset by under-budget expenses
- Athletics runs deficit budget each year, e.g. \$16M in 2012, \$18M FY2014.
 - Q: is “cost of attendance” approved – not sure yet, conference needs to approve in fall, was not on BOR agenda

Page 3: statistics spreadsheet

- Email David with any questions: dcrary@emich.edu

Academic Issues

Global Engagement Council: presented to BOR Ed. Policies Cmte.

McVey reports on BOR presentation – FY2013-FY2016 developments

AIEA conference in D.C. – Int'l Ed. Administrators

FY2016 hopefully will have a Global Engagement Center

- List of goals – see .ppt file, will be distributed
- Survey results:
 - high level of int'l participation, many faculty belong to int'l orgs, many pockets of activity,
 - low engagement at dept. level, better engagement at College level
 - greater the level of int'l experience, higher level of worry for emich lack of int'l support
 - emich has human capital, lacks the infrastructure
- GUNN II mapping: where emich faculty have travelled
- Hoping to get an SIO, Senior International Officer
- Int'l student numbers, flat, have not increased nor decreased
- India, Turkey, Vietnam “ripe fro recruitment” for int'l students, according to one OIS staff member

Athletics

1. Ron Flowers suggested letter to presidents of faculty senates in Michigan concerning the “full cost of attendance” matter
 - Emich FS interested in bringing together various FS presidents/boards to share concerns
 - Rob Orrange: many decisions get made at MAC conference level – i.e. university president makes decisions.
 - Emich FS wants to engage a faculty voice in the decisions

Institutional Issues

1. Canvas – A-OK
2. R-25 – see letter to Provost
 - a. The “Kay” effect: i.e. assigned to teach in buildings that are not a prof's home building
 - b. Hybrid courses
 - c. Grad/Undergrad “piggyback” courses, i.e. 500/400
 - Banner sees them as separate rooms
 - d. Q: [to provost] who is making decisions, where does the background research come from
 - A [Schatzel] – we didn't have a clear policy on university-wide software purchase decisions – we now have an EMU policy that says software decisions go through IT
 - Senate has review committees with IT

- Sandy – LMS review cmte. is positive example of proactive engagement with feedback in looking for faculty input on decisions.
- 3. Educational summit and COE letter to BOR (Sandy Norton reports)
 - Letter talks about renewal of EAA being conditional
 - COE faculty asking BOR who will be measuring the progress
 - COE will suggest experts to work on the assessment
 - Plans for Ed. Summit initiated – S. Norton, COE College Council, Perry Francis
 - Some support from the Provost office
 - FS would like to get approval from faculty groups
- 4. Other Reports
 - a. New Faculty Hires Cmte.
 - i. Reports from various colleges on the internal process – wide variety of “techniques”
 - ii. P. Koehn concerned about the effort to find a consistent process ... set of procedures
 - iii. Comment – good to discuss with Provost because it has to do with Provost Office relationships with Deans / Dept. Heads
 - b. Student Conduct meeting – follow up on last meeting
 - i. Perry/Sandy meeting with Jesus on creation of Boards
 - 1. Not cherry picked
 - 2. Apologies to FS member for not training and apt. to hearings
 - 3. Up to FS to get the representatives selected training process is essential, efforts made to make sure that will happen for FS reps
 - ii. Q: re: response rate – many faculty members feel that in many cases there is not a response to certain activities, such as plagiarism, classroom behavior, etc.
 - 1. Needs to be a push on encouraging faculty response
 - iii. S. Norton – important – advocates for increase of staff in student conduct office
 - 1. Comment: agreed, yet some are more serious – perhaps there should be two levels of infractions to get more engaged response

FACULTY SENATE APPOINTMENTS

Committees: all approved nominations by ACCOLADE

PROVOSTS REMARKS

1. congratulates Senate and thanks FS for the FS Budget Cmte. and their work
 - a. however, needs to look at the housing expenses, trying to fill a 2800 class
2. please refer to the Conduct Office, not the people/person in those offices – these are independent issues from the person
 - a. Provost will take academic misconduct out of the conduct office
3. R-25 – Assoc. Provost will contact P. Koehn for the cmte.
4. EAA – remember that president and Provost recommended pulling out of the EAA
 - a. Surprised that the letter came from COE , not FS – it’s more than a COE issue, encourages FS to reflect on that.
5. Fall 2015 –
 - a. up 18% up for undergrad applications,
 - i. Grad (1 of 3 applications is EMU graduate) -- flat
 - ii. Transfer is flat -- due to national US funds running out from stimulus program
6. Wants to see the New Faculty Hire recommendations
7. Wants to ask FS – what standards do you want from Conduct Office
 - a. What reporting do you want from that office?
 - b. Re: classroom management document (like a computer manual written by Computer engineers) – needs update on understanding
 - c. President’s Report: conduct, behavior in classrooms, conduct – initiative happening in Fall 2015
 - i. Coping mechanisms – cyber bullying, YikYak,
 - ii. Conduct code
 - iii. Respectful disagreement
 - iv. Q: how to get faculty input?,
 1. will launch with Fall, major faculty input will happen, mostly it will be Fall input
8. Question for Provost: what is rationale for total withdrawal to get reimbursement?
 - a. Repopulated that cmte. with academic folks, i.e. that is no longer what we do
 - b. Pretty clear cut issues -- that it is primarily about cost decisions

NEW BUSINESS

April 1: meeting with President Martin & Lee Greden (special project with President)

Get your rotation schedule to Reginald in FS office if you are continuing as reappointment to FS for next year

[some things missing here at the end, fast & furious]

Meeting adjourned – 5:11pm

Requests for electronic copies to be distributed:

1. Crary's FS Budget Report
2. McVey/Kullberg Global engagement .ppt presentation
3. IT operating policy from Carl Powell, regarding software decisions & purchases
4. Copy of Letter from COE on educational summit