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# Approved Minutes for Faculty Senate Meeting

## May 15, 2013

### 3:00-5:00, SC300

Attending: M Rahman (ACC&FIN), M Peters (AAS), M Reedy (ART), J Eisenbach (BIOL), G Edwards (CHEM), D Chou (CIS), Z Bahorski (COSC), S Hayworth (ECON), A Eydgahi (ET), S Norton (ENG), C Mayda (G&G), K Woodiel (HHP), J Carbone (HS), J Koolage (H&P), P Francis (L&C), R Baier (LIB), D Barton (MKT&LAW), G Dumitrascu, (MATH), P Koehn (P&A), J Kullberg (POLI), K Saules (PSYCH), M Bombyk (SW), R Orrange (SAC), L Lee (SPED), R Fulkert (STS), A Coykendall (WGST), M Millan (WL), N Monea (Student Gov't), K Schatzel (Provost Office)

Not in attendance: CMTA, MGMT, M&D, NURS, TED, AAUP, GS

1. [3:00] Agenda approval (Approved)
2. [3:05] Review minutes of 4/17/2013 meeting. (Approved, 4 abstentions)
3. [3:15] University Committee representative elections (see below)
  - a. Academic Integrity:
    - i) Giri Jogaratnam (CoT), Daryl Barton (CoB)
    - ii) [both appointed by acclamation]
  - b. eFellows:
    - i) M McVey (CoE), M Rearick (CoE), F Fedel (CHHS), R. Faust (alt)
    - ii) [All appointed by acclamation]
  - c. FDCAC:
    - i) L Kinczkowski (CoT) [appointed by acclamation]
  - d. GenEd Evaluation: none
  - e. GenEd Review: J Koolage (CAS), A Eydgaha (CoT)
  - f. Intercollegiate Athletics:
    - i) Will hold election in the Fall
  - g. Library Advisory Council: none
4. [3:30] FAR Search Committee (R Orrange)
  - a. Committee will select the next representative to the FAR
  - b. Committee will operate during May/June, for a July 1 appointment
  - c. Need 2 more volunteers:
    - i) John Carbone and Kay Woodiel volunteered, and were appointed
5. [3:40] Computer Refresh (see attached) (Zenia Bahorski)
  - a. Concerns about the selection of Mac computers for faculty computer refresh
  - b. The new mac selection (Mac Mini) is now the lowest quality machines.
  - c. The Mac Mini and the iMac are not comparable machines
  - d. There are 72 pages of complaints concerning the compatability of Dell monitors with these machines.
  - e. There are two proposals on the handout for our consideration
  - f. Comment: With the Mini, no multimedia folks can use it!
  - g. Comment: This should be referred back to the refresh committee.

- h. We need to decide what the next step is.
- i. Provost: Surprised by the conversation! Stated that the iMac will continue as the refresh machine for another year so this issue can be dealt with properly.
  - i) Applause for Zenia and the Provost ensued.
- 6. [3:35] Huron Logo Issue (see attached) (Jamin Eisenbach)
  - a. Comment: Thank you for bringing this forward
  - b. Friendly amendment: remove clauses 2 and 3.
    - i) Amendment accepted.
      - (1) For: 14 Against:7 Abstain: 4
  - c. Discussion of voting method; There is a call for paper ballots, which must be agreed to (RRoO)
  - d. Vote to accept and approve amended resolution:
    - i) Resolution passes
      - (1) For: 26 Against: 4 Abstain: 0
- 7. [3:55] Remarks from the Provost
  - a. Retention is being discussed frequently in the Strategic Plan meetings.
  - b. There are 5 strawman proposals for the Plan
    - i) Forums in the Fall to discuss the proposals
  - c. Using UTSA (University of Texas at San Antonio) as an example of retention strategy
  - d. Forums in July and September, aiming to finish Strategic plan by December.
  - e. Retention strategies:
    - i) 30 credit hours per year
    - ii) Better advising
    - iii) Seamless transfer of credit
    - iv) Focus on special segments. If you attempt to specialize to a certain group, you get a big response.
      - (1) Single parents
      - (2) Male students of color
      - (3) High financial need students with low GPAs
      - (4) Stay tuned!
  - f. Comment: What is our “average student” description?
    - i) 60% female, average age 24, we have a much higher part-time student population, 50% transfer, 50% FTIAC
  - g. Comment: “Recovery” schools are growing in number.
  - h. Comment: What does the budget look like for retention?
    - i) There is no pile of money, but there are priorities.
  - i. Comment: CATE lab is overwhelmed. Dispensation (ADA accommodation) is give automatically for the asking.
  - j. Faculty lines: Should have information next week.
  - k. Enrollment: We are down 5% for the summer, due to changes to the Pell grant (no summer coverage).
    - i) Strategy: expand the use of online courses.
  - l. Fall enrollment: up 10%! Having a FTIAC enrollment of 3000 is not impossible! Higher in academic quality, too.

- m. Now offering post-doc positions in CAPS (Counseling and Psychological Services)
- n. Question: Enrollment growth: What about space for new faculty?
  - i) “Yep, we know!” We are aware of the issue.
- o. Question: Can we ensure that in September, the forums will be before the Strategic Plan is implemented?
  - i) Yes.
- p. Question: Will Graduate Assistantship positions be balanced between Academic Affairs and Athletics?
  - i) Yes, but not in the Fall.
- 8. [4:10] Academic Calendar
  - a. Biggest problems:
    - i) Housing
    - ii) Labor Day issues
    - iii) Graduation
  - b. Question: When finals are done, the students must leave the dorms. How does graduation fit in here?
    - i) Housing was at the table, and we are sure that there are no conflicts.
  - c. Voting on the 15/16, 16/17 and 17/18 calendars
    - i) For: 17 Against: 1 Abstain: 0
- 9. [4:25] Committee Reports
  - a. eFellows
    - i) Good things are happening.
    - ii) Matching funds idea is very helpful
  - b. Senate Committee on Budget
    - i) We have agreed to have 3 at-large members, and 3 members from UBC. Due to the workload, we request the membership be changed to 4 at-large members, and 2 UBC members.
    - ii) Unanimously accepted.
- 10. [4:35] President’s remarks
  - a. Faculty Affairs Committee topics for 2013-14
  - b. Student government representatives
  - c. Compensation
- 11. [4:50] Adjournment

## **Faculty Representation on University Committees: Nominations & Elections**

### **E-fellows Program** [3-year terms; 1 each from COE and CHHS]

The eFellows program was established to support faculty and full-time lecturers in obtaining the resources needed to successfully integrate technologies that enhance student-focused instruction in courses and curricula. The overall outcome of this program is to improve and enhance student learning and the scholarship of teaching through the integration of appropriate technologies.

### **Faculty Development Center Advisory Council** [3-year terms; 1 from COT]

This committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Faculty Development Center (FDC) on the vision, strategic plans, needs and programming efforts of the Center. A representative needs to have a schedule free on **Monday** afternoons from 3:30-4:30. The council typically meets the first week of the month starting in October and meets once per month for the academic year.

**General Education Evaluation Committee** [2-year terms; 1 each from CAS, COB, and CHHS]

Every semester, this committee reviews a sampling of courses in each Gen Ed area, to ensure that they are meeting the stated outcomes for that area. Experience with assessment is preferred.

This standing committee of the General Education Program should not be confused with the General Education Review Committee (see below).

**General Education Review Committee:** [1 each from COB, CHHS, COE]

This Gen Ed Review Committee is being formed in response to the Gen Ed Implementation Document, which states: "Eastern Michigan University will appoint a committee of assessment specialists from both inside and outside the university to evaluate the program. This committee will work in concert with the Evaluation Subcommittee and the Course Vetting Subcommittee in preparing a report for the university community. Based on recommendations included in the report, modifications may be made to the general education program."

This committee should not be confused with the on-going General Education Evaluation Committee.

**Intercollegiate Athletics Committee:** [3-year terms; 1 each from CAS, COB, CHHS, COT, LIB, At Large]

Purpose: To encourage the proper balance between athletics and academics with the University life of the student athlete;  
To advise the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics on matters involving the University's intercollegiate athletic program;  
To review operational procedures and practices and monitor the athletic program of the University as a standing committee of the Faculty Senate

Note: The committee shall meet at least two (2) times per semester with additional meetings called as needed by the Chair.

**Library Advisory Council:** [3-year terms; 1 from COE]

The Library Advisory Council brings together faculty and student representatives to discuss library initiatives, visions, collections, and services. The Council is an avenue for faculty and students to have significant input into the formation of library

policies. The Council advises Library Administration and serves as a voice within EMU for the needs of the library in supporting the entire campus community.