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APPROVED MINUTES – Faculty Senate, 10-2-2013

[Attendance]

S. Moeller (AAUP), M. Rahman (A&F), R. Woods (AAS), J. Demarte (Art), B. Winning (Bio), D. Chou (CIS), R. Quiel (CMTA), Z. Bahorski (CS), S. Hayworth (Econ), Z. Moore (G&G), M. Bluhm (HS), J. Koolage (H&P), K. Woodiel (HHP), P. Francis (L&C), R. Baier (Lib), D. Barton (M&L), P. Trewn (Nurs), P. Koehn (Phys), J. Kullberg (PS), R. Flowers (Grad), R. Orrange (SAC), P. Smith (Spc Ed), N. Monera (Std Govt), R. Fulkurt (Tech Stds), M. Zinggeler (WL), M. Wedenoja (SW), M. McVey (T Ed), M. Yaya (AAUP), R. Longworth (OP), K. Schatzel (OP), G. Dumitrascu (Math)

[Agenda]

Approved

[Minutes from Last Meeting, 9/18/13]

Edit: Bob Winning present for Bio not Jamin Eisenbach

Approved

[Committee Reports]

FS Budget Committee (Mahmud Rahman) – Charter is set up; FSBC is not a University Committee, it is advisory to the Provost; the committee will work with the UBC and faculty; its focus in on the priorities and procedures for Academic Affairs; Academic Affairs has grown significantly, and this gives the FSBC a fairly large range

EPEO (Daryl Barton) – Contractual Committee; the new website for EPEO is quite nice; new EMU Detroit, just north of 6 Mile, and the new site seems quite nice; online courses are stagnant; three areas of improvement sought: (a) Gen Ed online, (b) courses required for degree/major, and (c) online Grad Courses; eCollege system is in need on the chopping block, and a new committee will form to discuss options; a concern about eCollege is that existing courses are not exportable, and thus “held hostage”

Acceptable Use Meeting (Zenia Bahorski) – there is a meeting tomorrow to discuss this with C. Powell; R. Fulkert, Z. Bahorski, M. Yaya, and D. Barton will be attending

Student Issues (Perry Francis) – the Ombudsperson search is near completion; they’re interviewing for the Director of Disability Resource Center

[Proposed Realignment Timeline]

See Attached

[Report from Student Govt – Nino Monera]

Priorities: 1. Student Org Participation Survey, 2. Voter Registration, 3. Develop a 4 year growth map to graduation, to augment semester-to-semester advising, 4. Scholarship for Children of Undocumented Workers, like Wayne State’s, 5. AAATA bus passes, 6. “Unfair” parking regulations should be targeted, 7. Improving my.emich, student tab is not well constructed, 8. Strengthen ties to the Ypsi community, 9. Tuition rebate incentive for students who excel in academics and extra-curricular activities, to be used

for an internship and/or travel abroad, 10. Plan academic schedules further in advance, so that students can plan a whole year, rather than semester-to-semester

[Educause Articles – R. Baier]

Check this stuff out. It's cool. Information on students and tech, including student expectations, current research, and other such thingies.

An interesting result of the survey: students, on the whole, are not interested in communicating with faculty via Facebook, until after they complete their degrees

[Provost Remarks]

- Faculty Affairs discussion at the BoR meeting was very good! The thoughts and ideas were extremely valuable. The recommendation should proceed to the next phase.
- Degree Completion and Retention Plan (several handouts accompany this)
 - Efforts have been made in this area, and the Provost's Office has surveyed these and attempted to include successful strategies in the plan going forward
 - Formal Request for input on how the plan might be improved and completed.
 - The plan focuses on 5 areas: (a) student preparedness, (b) enrollment policies, (c) financial aid policies and incentives, (d) advising and student support, and (e) curriculum structure and delivery
 - Thoughts regarding two target groups (a) single parents and (b) men of color are particularly welcome and will be the focus of initial discussions
 - Incomplete proposals have been generated, and it is time to focus on how to augment and/or alter these proposals
 - Progress to date:
 - Metrics for regular reporting
 - Gap analysis
 - Initial proposals developed
 - Focus groups have begun
 - Website for this stuff: www.emich.edu/academic-student-affairs/retention_graduation/index.php
 - Please go here to help work on this important plan!
 - First steps of the plan are to be presented to the BoR at the December meeting
 - Comments/Discussion: (1) a job placement system is critical to the success of all students, (2) concern regarding faculty only entering at this time was expressed, (3) AAUP input here – spring/summer input is a concern, but that is a contractual issue, (4) re: single parents, a drop-in childcare is CRITICAL, (5) a target of students who are very near completion would also be an excellent target (these students are called “stop-outs”, and Michigan ranks near the highest in the “some college but no degree”), (6) Q: What is the projected implementation timeline? A: Implement good ideas as soon as we are able and they can be linked to a system of support for students, but as soon as Winter 2014 for some, (7) Q: What is the role of Faculty in this, especially in the advising and mentoring of students within the Major? A: There is no intention to exclude this element, but it has been left for the Faculty input phase, though that is intended to be

part of the whole package, (8) concern raised about the non-use of the Student Success Council and the increase in administrative positions, rather than support of existing faculty support for these projects, (9) some questions about the idea of a University College, some responses regarding the notion that this is merely a name change and a highlight of a focus on students who do not yet have a Major (and their own College), (10) some stuff about the possible use of doctoral students from L&C, (11) concern raised about the number of administrative positions this may generate, and thus potentially detract from new faculty lines, (12) more concerns raised regarding faculty buy-in, given that the focus groups *appear* to be done

- Office of the Provost: we will provide the data that support and clarify the selection of the two target groups
- Focus groups are not closed, but no more are scheduled; there's a link on the website to request/demonstrate interest in forming more focus groups; IF YOU WANT FACULTY FOCUS GROUPS YOU NEED TO DISPLAY INTEREST BY WAY OF THE WEBSITE!!!
- This stuff is coming your way electronically, but you can check it out at the website noted above

[Appointments]

Educational Environment and Facilities Committee – B. Beaubien (COE), elected

E-Fellows Program – postponed

General Education Evaluation Committee – M. Scoville (CAS), elected; still need one from COB

General Education Review Committee – M. Rearick (COE), elected; G. Newberry (CHHS), elected

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee – J. Carbone (CHHS), A. Eydgahi (COT), H. Booth (CAS), B. Moreno (Lib), K. Woodiel (CHHS), Z. Moore (ALT), acclamation; need COB

Library Advisory Council – S. Bumpus (CHHS), elected

Parking Committee – A. Liepman (CAS), elected, R. Chattobadhyay (ALT)

Senate on Budget – need CAS from physical science