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APPROVED Minutes – Faculty Senate, 11 6 2013

Attendance: P. Francis (L&C), R. Flowers (Grad Council), S. Hayworth (Econ), R. Orrange (SAC), M. Yaya (AAUP), N. Monea (Std Govt), T. Wu (Nurs), K. Banerji (Mgmt), R. Quiel (CMTA), M. Zinggeler (WL), P. Majeske (STS), Z. Bahorski (CS), P. Smith (Spc Ed), K. Woodiel (HHP), Minnie Bluhm (CHHS), B. Winning (Bio), J. DeMarte (ART), J. Kullberg (PLSC), D. Barton (MKT), P. Koehn (P&A), D. Foster (MUS), M. McVey (TED), M. Rahman (A&F), R. Baier (Lib), D. Chou (CIS), G. Demitrescu (sp?) (Math), J. Koolage (H&P)

1. Approval of minutes from 10/16/13.
2. Approval of agenda.
3. Committee Reports:
 - Committee has been bringing everyone up to speed.
 - a. Budget Committee:
 - Will look at peer practices in our budgeting processes.
 - Inviting in BC members to present their views, so the committee does not work in a vacuum.
 - b. Academic Issues:
 - 2nd reading of resolution on Global Engagement Center resolution.
 - This resolution creates the body that produces the plan for the International Center. This body reports to the Senate.
 - RESULT: Resolution passes.
 - General Education: Delay for John K's arrival
 - c. Institutional Issues: New Learning Management System
 - June 2015: Contract with eCollege ends
 - New decision needs to be made very soon so there can be a year of transition between the new systems.
 - Next CMS will likely have biometric authentication.
 - Trying to expand the use of satellite campuses.
 - Q: Will there be some sort of survey? A: Yes.
 - Comment: There is a budget impact to which LMS we choose. We still have no clear direction about what kind of University we want to be (residential, online, etc.) Right now we are focused on credit hour generation.
 - d. Tech issues:
 - Ripping apart the Acceptable Use document. Need to make sure that everyone is covered by this. Different groups on campus will require different levels of policy. The intent of this is to be guidelines that help us.
 - Concerns brought up with the original policy are being specifically addressed.
 - Will meet again net Wednesday.] *NOTE [] from P. Koehn*

4. COE and EAA (there are two documents associated with this)

- Steven Camron spoke on this matter of great importance to EMU, COE, and our students.
- MOTION: Motion to support COE's College Council in their resolution to the Board of Regents to withdraw from the EAA.
 - A letter was circulated earlier, that was entertained as part of a motion. (See attached.)
 - There was some concern that "the letter" in question was not available in earlier attachments, and other such matters.
 - VOTE: 20 Support, 3 Opposed, 3 Abstain – MOTION PASSES

5. Provost's Remarks (Provost K. Schatzel)

- (a) Thoughts regarding the tragic loss of D. Reed.
- (b) In the wake of this tragedy, some talking and listening has generated some noteworthy outcomes. First, a student initiated website has emerged to help students make informed off-campus living decisions. Second, there have been some meetings with off-campus housing to discuss transportation, safety issues, and so on. This dialog with the community has been productive.
- (c) There are very clear standards for the "Timely Warnings" that we all receive by email. Thus, some crimes are not part of this system. These standards are used by DPS in reporting in this manner. Some remarks regarding the best use of this system and other reporting mechanisms, and a nod to upcoming, structured conversations on this matter.

6. Degree Completion & Retention Plan (Associate Provost R. Longworth)

- Carnegie Community Engagement Classification renewal process has begun
- The most recent focus groups have been very productive, with several new ideas and projects arising from these.
- Several new discussions coming from departments have occurred.
- Some pieces of these plans have begun.

7. Committee Appointments (all listed below were appointed today)

- Computer Refresh: Z. Bahorski (CAS), Sean Che (COT), M. Sauber (COB)
- e-Fellows: R. Faust, S. Restaino (alternate)
- Faculty Development Center Advisory Committee: J. Scazzero (COB), A. Allen (Alternate)
- General Education Course Vetting Committee:
- Intercollegiate Athletics Committee: D. Wozniak (COB)
- Learning Management System: J. Thomas (CHHS), T. Suchan (CAS), B. Dagnan (CAS), D. Barton (COB), B. Marino (LIB)
- Search Committee for Dean of Students: P. Francis (COE)
- Senate on Budget Committee: G. Jogaratnam (COT), T. Brewer (CAS –SCI),

8. New Business

- a. Hours to Graduation (see attached)

b. Textbook Fund: Holman Learning Center trying to provide textbooks for use by students at study tables.

- Discussion on this to be continued

9. Adjournment