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UNIVERSITY FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES – MEETING ELEVEN

March 21, 2007, 3 – 5 p.m.

308 Student Center

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487-0196

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:05.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Two people (P. Williams-Boyd and Lidia Lee) asked to be added to the agenda, and the agenda as amended was approved unanimously.

III. Approval of the Minutes of March 7, 2007

The minutes were approved with two corrections.

IV. Appointments

A. University Retention Committee

Sandra Nelson (CHHS) was appointed.

B. Marshalls for the Commencement

Victor Okafor, Chair of the University Faculty Council's Elections & Procedures Committee, presented the slate of marshalls for the two April commencement ceremonies. Four marshalls from CAS were added, and the whole slate was accepted.

V. Election of the UFC President

Daryl Barton was nominated for president by Margrit Zinggeler, and her nomination was seconded.

The election was moved from the first to the second meeting in April. Nominations will be accepted until the time of the vote. Candidates can e-mail a platform to all representatives, and on April 18, each will have 3 minutes to speak. The election will be from 3:30 to 3:45, and, if needed, a run off election between the two top vote getters will be held between 3:45 and 4 p.m.

VI. Guest: Janice Stroh – VP of Business and Finance

She indicated that she is looking forward to transparency in the budget. Her budget presentation to the Board of Regents will be posted on the website. She also is looking forward to creating a Budget Committee in the Fall term which will include faculty representation. This group will help align the budget with the Vision for EMU, and this includes making academics more central.

Banner has a Workflow product which will help decrease errors and make the initial entry and subsequent actions electronic.

With respect to the facilities, renovation of Mark Jefferson is the second step in the creation of the Mark Jefferson Science complex. Renovation of Pray-Harrold is expected to be part of a state allocation.

Don Loppnow added that planning for the renovation of Strong, a Fine & Performing Art Facility, and an indoor practice football field in a Student Enhancement Center are also being discussed. He indicated that Janice Stroh is very competent, very familiar with academics, and oriented toward academic affairs.

VII. Discussion Items:

A. Campus Security – The Academic Affairs Facility Planning Committee will address security issues. Matt Evett and Ross Nord are representatives on this committee.

B. Sabbatical Leaves – Lidia Lee with the help of John Texter will compose a survey to find out why so few people apply.

VIII. Board of Regents, March 20 meeting – Public Forum

Daryl Barton addressed the regents and her comments included the importance of accepting the recommendations of the fact finder promptly, and she thanked the board and especially the chair, Tom Sidlik, for their efforts.

IX. Other Topics:

A. Colleague needing help. Pat Williams-Boyd indicated that checks for Carolyn Burns should be made out to the Carolyn Burns Fund and send to her.

B. Murder on campus covered up. Pat Williams-Boyd also indicated that her department has passed a resolution demanding the resignation of Fallon for the lack of truthfulness with respect to the murder and the endangerment of people on campus.

C. Letter of support to the murdered student's parents. Gaie Rubenfeld suggested that University Faculty Council representing the faculty send a letter of sympathy to the murdered girl's parents.

X. Announcements

A. Distinguished Faculty Awards Ceremony is March 28, 3 – 5 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

B. The Graduate Research Fair is on March 26, and the **Undergraduate Symposium** is on March 30 in the Student Center.

C. Gen Ed – There will be a request for people to serve on the vetting and assessment committees.

XI. Future Meetings and Locations.

A. The **TWELFTH UFC** meeting for the 2006-2007 Academic Year will be held on April 4, 2007, 3 – 5 p.m. on the third floor of the Student Center.

B. The **TENTH UFC Executive Board** meeting will be held on April 11, 2007, 3 – 5 p.m., in the University Faculty Council office.

C. The Spring meeting dates are May 16 and June 20, the third Wednesdays in May and in June, respectively.

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

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alida Westman

Present: V. Okafor (AFS); M. Reedy (ART); J. Eisenbach (BIOL); R. Nord (CHEM); S. McCracken (CTA); I. Ahmad (CIS); M. Evett (COSC); J. Rice (ECON); J. Texter (ENGIN TECH); M. Zinggeler (FLABS); S. Rutherford (GEO/GEOL); D. Clifford (HEALTH SCI); S. Levine (HPHP); L. Watson (HIS/PHIL); L. Klopfer (Library); K. Banerji (MGMT); D. Barton (MKT); G. Ahlbrandt (MATH); J. R. Smith (MUS/DANCE); G. Rubenfeld (NURS); A. Lottie (PLS); A. Westman (PSY); R. Orrange (SAC); L. Lee (SPED); M. Bombyk (SWK); P. Williams-Boyd (TED); P. Becker (TECH STUDIES); S. Norton (WMST)

Ex-Officio: D. Loppnow (PROVOST AND VP FOR Academic Affairs)

Guests: J. Stroh (VP OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE) .

Absent: ACC; ENG; L & C; PHY/AST

