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APPROVED Minutes for Faculty Senate Meeting
Wednesday, December 2, 2015
3-5pm, 310A Student Center

Present: Trewn, Quiel, Smith, Higgins, Koolage, Orfgen, Millan, Barton, Rahman, Higbee, McVey, Curran, Bluhm, Kullberg, Hammond, Koehn, Winning, Hayworth, Evett, Francis, Banerji, Pancioli, Carpenter, Smith, Longworth, Moore, Tout, Orrange, Faust, Willis, Majeske, O'Neill, Cole, Foster

Kullberg chairs today because Norton is ill.

(* indicates item to take to department faculty)

1. [3:05] Agenda approval - Approval passes.
2. [3:10] Approval of minutes from 11/18/15 FS meeting (see attached) Passed with one abstention.
3. [3:15] Committee Reports
 - a. [3:15] Academic Issues: General Education Review follow-up
(Zachary Moore) Have data and review is in progress. Review goes to GEAC. Their recommendations come back to FS. Will provide something to FS next semester.
 - b. [3:25] Budget & Resources (Rob Carpenter) - Nothing new to report.
 - c. [3:40] Institutional Issues
 - (i) [3:40] New Faculty Hires Committee (Patrick Koehn) *No report today.
 - (ii) [3:55] Faculty & EAA assessment—Dec. 8th Regents' Meeting (Sandy Norton, Michael McVey, & Judith Kullberg) *

Overall conclusions: EAA has failed to meet any of the 4 criteria and may have been in breach of contract. Requested BoR consider immediate EMU withdrawal.

Discussion:

Confirm that this document, with last paragraph edits, is substantially the same in spirit as what FS saw two weeks ago.

Take a firm stance to get to the middle of the road.

Put our support behind our COE colleagues.

Take a stronger position.

Change “consider” to “pursue”

Motion: Support the memo as written with the change that Carpenter has brought in the last paragraph of the one page document distributed here, today.

Vote: Motion carries.

Is there anything else we need/want to do with this report?

-At BoR meeting be sure this is raised. It will be at Faculty Affairs. It should also be in Public Comments.

-Should it go to BoR prior to the meeting? Kullberg will discuss with Norton and see that it gets to them in advance. Add page numbers. Should go forward to BoR as a Senate document very quickly.

-Include all of the exhibits.

-Have a press release that centers on the welfare of our students. Strong emphasis on the best interests of students.

-Report should also go to the press, along with the exhibits.

-EMU student gov't last night passed resolution to ask BoR to get out of EAA.

-Regents packet has come to FS president. V Reaume can provide it. Also online. Look at it prior to attending.

-AAUP discussed a joint press release on EAA with FS and AAUP.

Not in support of this. FS needs to maintain a separate identity. Two independent voices are as powerful as one united voice.

Agree to joint press release, only if we can do it quickly. This needs to go out yesterday.

Multiple messages that say the same thing are best. Others concurred on separate press releases.

AAUP should make some statement, separate or together.

(iii)[4:15] Institutional Racism event and follow-up*

Reports from those who attended:

D. Willis replacing M. Bombeck. Event was packed. Some challenges. Discussion that didn't have any action items. Missing piece - where we're going.

Cole - frustration with no action items

d. [4:30]Technology Issues—Computer Refresh (Paul Majeske)

Status quo.

Discussion: Took a large cut during tough economic times going from 3 to 4 years. That should come back now. Need more server storage space. Any talk of additional talk about tablets. Do we need a survey of faculty of what their technology needs are? It's a budget issue. How do we up that to meet faculty needs? Carpenter will add it to Budget Cmt task list.

Motion to conduct a survey in conjunction with Academic IT to survey faculty technology needs. Motion carries.

4. [4:35] New Business

a. [4:35] Future of Education Summit—Mackinac Policy Conference on Urban Education: May 2016.

Motion: EMU presentation at this conference. Motion carries.

Provost will provide funding.

b. [4:45] Senate communications (Judith Kullberg) - Baier and Kullberg are working on procedures for how the FS communicates information. Will have something in January.

c. [4:55] BOR attendees from the Senate: J. Kullberg, S. Norton, P. Francis

d. Provost's Remarks: No comments.

e. Ballot - positions open. Ballot distributed at meeting. Share openings with department faculty.

McVey voted by acclamation to Sr. Int'l Officer Search Committee FS representative by

5. [5:00] Adjournment

The next Faculty Senate Executive Board meeting will be held January 13th in SC 302, 3-5. The next full Faculty Senate meeting will be held January 20, in SC 310A from 3-5.
