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## **Faculty Senate Minutes, March 13, 2019**

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## Eastern Michigan University *Faculty Senate Minutes*

### Session-11

3.00—5.00 pm March 13, 2019 310A Student Center

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Present/Voting: Pressley-Sanon, Reedy, Winning, Elton, Kashliev, Hayworth, Neufeld, Kahn Welsh, Mehuron, Curran, Peavler, Sheerin, Patrick, Waltz, Karpiak, Staunton, Millán, Spragg, Bluhm, Rahman, Chou, Banjeri, Barton, Leon, Lee, McVey, Mannari, Ferdousi, Kustron, Cardon, Braun Marks

Guests/Non-Voting: Gray, Longworth, Tew, Carroll, Kullberg, Carpenter

- I. Call to order 3:03 pm
- II. **Approval of the Agenda** 3:03 pm  
Motion made, seconded, motion carries
- III. **Approval of the Minutes 02/13/2019** 3:03 pm  
Motion to approve, seconded, motion carries (1 abstention)
- IV. **Committee Representative Elections** 3:10 pm
  - A. Computer Refresh Committee  
Elected: **LaVerne Higgins**, COB, **Zenia Bahorski**, CAS, **Bill Welsh**, CAS
  - B. Co-Chair, University Assessment Committee  
Elected: **Laura McMahon**, Philosophy, Women's & Gender Studies
  - C. University Retirement Planning/Investment Committee  
Motion to accept by **John Curran** (Mathematics and Statistics) acclamation, seconded, motion carries
- V. **Discussions**
  - A. EMU Foundation and Case Statement for Capital Campaign (Shepard, Quilter) 3:15pm  
(PowerPoint) Shared overview of EMU Foundation's functions and staff. Described fundraising efforts, including *Open Door to Opportunity* campaign (handout). Would like faculty feedback and encourage completing the anonymous survey: <https://goo.gl/forms/OhEeX1yVvNi6Cv103>
  - B. Budget update (Carroll) 3:45pm  
(PowerPoint) Shared update on the university budget, and student credit hours continue to decline. PowerPoint contains graphs that illustrate why we are losing SCH, where we are losing SCH, revenue, expenses, etc. For FY20, the university is anticipating a \$10 million gap between revenue and expenses, but stressed that the budget projections are fluid right now.
  - C. Follow up on campus climate/race & diversity initiatives: working group volunteers (Gray) 4:45 pm  
EB met and decided to convene a small working group that will explore actions the Senate can take related to race and diversity initiatives  
Volunteers: John Staunton, Rob Peavler, Christine Neufeld, Barbara Patrick, Peggy Trewn
  - D. Update on campus housing (Gray, Carpenter) 4:55 pm

Senate President shared communication from Valdes updating the housing partnership update. President Smith requested that consultants draft an FRP. Senate President is concerned that there is no information on when and where faculty and student input will be sought on the FRP process. Due to the lack of transparency and faculty involvement, Senate President asked what next steps the Senate would like to take. Possibilities included reaching out to the press, reiterating the content of the resolution, etc. Senate President and VP will try to meet with President Smith as soon as possible to discuss this matter.

VI. **Questions for Committee Chairs** (Barton, Curran, McVey, Karpiak, Trewn, Evett, Carpenter)

- A. Academic Issues (Karpiak) - The Academic Issues committee met on Feb. 22, 2019. We have continued compiling contact and charge information for the various committees we are to oversee. As part of this process we have discovered that the Academic Affairs Task Force is no longer active and we have struck it from our list of committees. At our March 21st meeting, in collaboration with the Chair of the Technology Committee, we will be discussing the potential creation of a new committee responsible for oversight of Canvas and Online Education. For our April 18th meeting we have invited VP Kevin Kucera to discuss forthcoming projects of the Department of Enrollment Management.

Calls for Service:

- The Academic Issues Committee needs a representative from CAS (Arts) to fill in open position
- The General Education Subcommittee for Assessment has a need for two volunteers, one each for Arts and Global Awareness areas

VII.	<b>Provost's Minutes</b>	4:50 pm
VIII.	<b>Announcements</b>	4:55 pm
IX.	<b>Adjourn</b>	5:17 pm

