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EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate Executive Board

Session-9 Minutes:

3--5 pm February 7th, 2018 304 Student Center

Present:

Quiel, Moore, Barton, Bluhm, Deutsche, Carpenter, Pawlowski, Rahman, Francis, Trewn

- I. Review and approval of the agenda - Done
- II. Review and approval of the minutes - Done
- III. Vacancies: Academic IT Advisory Committee, 1 from each of CAS , CHHS, and COE (3-yrs) – candidates have stepped up
- IV. Committee reports
 - A. Budget and Resources:
 - Recent proposal for the Budget Cut, and
 - Response received to the senate budget committee’s recommendations.
 - Both the items deserve a response from the faculty senate, and that response to be shared with the faculty at large.

Discussion: Recs were updated with full recs replacing abbreviated ones. Document circulating on the admin side of things on credit hour production. 519 to 470. Last time we were at 475 was 1976. Another document detailing proposed cuts in Dept of Academic Affairs was distributed. Let’s take budget committee recommendations and distribute to all faculty. Admins provided no rationale for cuts and made into an emergency when they had data for some time. These cuts were built into the budget that was approved in June. So, this means they’re utilizing the new student credit hour numbers to justify something they approved months ago. Not once have any faculty staffed budget committees heard word one about the emergency cuts. This can be a rationale for saying there’s no time for faculty input. The process is a sabotage of the Senate budget committee and of faculty contractual rights. Why are we building a \$20 million facility for 800 students when we’re in this crisis? Why take \$3 million from academic affairs (all students) to benefit 800 athletes? What can we do? Vote of no confidence? This is a manufactured crisis because it was planned for in the June budget. Draft one-page summary and supporting documents to distribute broadly. Form a committee to move down from Division I because it is not sustainable.

B. Institutional Issues

- Faculty senate calendar for next year – Propose 2nd and 4th Wed for 2018-19 full Senate meetings. (7 meetings each semester). Agreed.

C. Academic Issues

- Charges for the Academic committees. Needs a revisit and an orderly approach to managing the committee structure and senate relationship.
- ISP recommendations/proposals.

- Starfish early alert system is experiencing growing pain and more negative feedback from faculty. Senate needs to engage the administration for addressing the concerns raised to safeguard student and faculty privacy while being effective tool for guiding students needing progress updates and recommendations
Confidentiality is still a problem. Moving from volunteer to mandatory.
Report from Pawlowski – meeting with C Shell to include in future memos that completing Starfish requests is optional.

V. Provost Request

- From Amy Ducher (one of Provost's secretaries): "I am writing to request 10-15 minutes on the February 14 Senate agenda for Rhonda Longworth and Ron Woody to discuss IT Security Awareness training. This topic is time sensitive because of the upcoming training schedule and testing that is scheduled to begin later this month so anything you can do to accommodate this request is appreciated." Yes. Give her the 15 minutes including her comments.

VII. Announcements

- BOR Academic Affairs presentation on Friday February 9th. AAUP is taking the lead in preparing a presentation titled: "A 3-D Look at Instructional Staff: Definitions, Devotions and Deflections." The faculty presenters are going to be new faces to allow the BOR to have a glimpse of the younger recruits in faculty ranks. Your thoughts?
- CAS panel discussion on micro aggression. Friday 2/9, 2-3pm.

VIII. Adjournment