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Faculty Senate Minutes, May 16, 2018

Faculty Senate



Eastern Michigan University

Faculty Senate Agenda

Session-14

3.00—5.00 pm May 16th, 2018 352 Student Center

Present: Queil, Carpenter, Francis, Pressley-Sanon, Reedy, Eisenbach, Elton, Kashiev, Hayworth, Neufeld, Moore, McMahon, Pawlowski, Byrd, Staunton, Millan, Spragg, Mistry, Willis, Rahman, Chou, Banerji, Barton, Lee, McVey, Tout, McCleary, Cardon, Brods

Guests: Michael Tew, Rhonda Longworth, Judy Kullburt, John Koolage, Jim Carroll, Suzanne Gray, Miles Payne, Larry Borum

- I. **Approval of the Agenda** 3:00 pm
 - A. Approved

- II. **Approval of the Minutes 04-11-2018** 3:05 pm
 - A. Approved

- III. **Elections and Appointments (Candidate Profile and Ballots will be provided)** 3:10 pm
 - A. University Budget Council (UBC) (Terms 3 Years)
 - **CHHS:** John Sonnega, Assistant Professor (Health Education/Public Health), School of Health Promotion and Human Performance (HHPH)

 - B. Educational Environment and Facilities Committee (EEFC)
 - **CAS:** Terms 2 Years: Mary G. Strasma, Associate Professor, Department of History and Philosophy; Jonathan Skuza, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics & Astronomy
 - **CHHS:** Terms 2 Years: John Sonnega, Assistant Professor (Health Education/Public Health),
 - **COB:** Terms 1 Year: Daryl Barton, Associate Professor of Law, Marketing Department
 - **COE:** Terms 2 Years: Wanda Kent, Assistant Professor, Special Education
 - **Library:** Terms 1 Year: Jacqueline Wrosch, Associate Professor, Library
 - **COT:** One, Terms – 1 Year: Tierney McCleary, Associate Professor, Tech and professional Services Management
 - Vacancies remain on **EEFC** Faculty Representative positions: CAS: Two, Terms – 1 Year; CHHS: One, Terms – 1 Year

 - C. University Calendar Committee (Terms 2 Years)
 - **CAS:** Charles Cunningham, Professor of English
 - **CHHS:** John Carbone, Associate Professor, Dietics and Human Nutrition

- IV. **Discussions** 3:25 pm
 - A. EMU President James Smith's email of May 1st on Senate Memorandum of Concerns
 - Executive Board asked Senate whether and how we should respond to President Smith's email.Discussion:
 - President Smith acknowledged lack of communication, however, he did not address the Senate request to have two seats on President's Executive Council
 - Desire for shared governance and a more active role in the decision-making process (including for budget cuts)
 - President will be visiting Senate in October 2018, so before then Senate should outline what (specific/concrete) systems we want in place to improve shared governance
 - At the most recent Regents meeting, BOR extended invitation for a faculty member to join the

decision making; however, this does not address the request for membership on the President's Executive Council

Motion: Convene a committee to draft proposal for faculty membership on President's Executive, Seconded, Motion passed with 0 abstentions

- Over the summer, a Senate sub-committee could be convened to work on a proposal that will outline a plan for faculty membership on the President's Executive Council (to be modeled after the Deans and Department Heads meeting). Proposal will be modified in early fall (with Senate input) and presented during President Smith's October meeting; Suzanne Grey will chair

B. Budget Outlook for 2018-19 ---- Associate Provost Jim Carroll

- Provided brief overview of budget for 2019 and discussed key issues (handout provided), which include eliminating the prior budget deficits and balancing budget, recognizing enrollment challenges (declining numbers of graduating HS seniors in Michigan), need for innovative ways to recruit students (online, international, etc.), creating a sustainable budget
- Discussed summer and fall budget issues: Summer enrollment is flat compared to last year; EMU investments are doing well due to continued market rebound; State will provide \$1 million more in appropriations and has approved up to a 3.9% tuition increase; however, Fall 2019 enrollment projections show a loss of 20,000 SCH
- Cost saving measures addressed: Livonia site will be closed, cogeneration unit savings will be realized during FY19, savings in staff/faculty separation (retirements, etc.); however, there is still a \$4 million budget deficit and the university is considering ways to fill this

Discussion:

- Questions about the presentation/handout were asked and clarified
- Q: Does the university do a multiple scenario plan for the budget? A: University does this; has a model that takes into consideration many facets of revenue (many based on students), so when EMU looks at the budget projections for the future, it looks at multiple scenarios
- University Budget Committee should do more revenue review and expense review throughout the year to see if we are going to make budget
- Slow registration for fall - Current undergrads are registering on-target, but among first-year there is a slower registration rate – explained what the university is doing to address those who have not yet registered

C. Board of Regents Faculty Affairs Committee – Mahmud Rahman

- Update on April 20th session
 - Senate presented to BOR on April 20th (handout); BOR asked many questions
- Proposal for June 22nd session: Round Table on Shared Governance at EMU
 - Although there is typically no FAC during the June meeting, may provide an opportunity to continue dialogue on shared governance

D. General Education Subcommittee on Assessment (GESA) – Laura McMahon

- Subcommittee seeking Senate approval to form a number of faculty workgroups to look at each of the Gen Ed outcomes, and if approval is granted, there will be an announcement for faculty volunteers in the Fall

Discussion:

- Find out what departments are already doing for assessment and see if these might be helpful or models for Gen Ed assessment
- Concern raised about college representation on the Gen Ed Assessment committee, because some programs have outside accreditation

Motion: To approve the faculty workgroups to operationalize student learning outcomes of Gen Ed outcomes, Seconded, Passed with 0 abstentions

- Handout (in email) – Presentation summarizing 13 recommendations based on annual budget report
- B. Graduate Council: Perry Francis
- Creating consistent policies in the graduate school to ensure that students move through their programs in a timely fashion, receive help when needed, and programs can continue the quality of their work
 - Thesis and Dissertation manual updated to address, plagiarism issues (literature reviews will go through software scan to ensure information is properly cited)
 - Enrollment changes will inevitably impact how graduate teaching assistants are allocated
 - Graduate School support for marketing of graduate programs (program websites, FB pages, etc.)
- C. Others
- Membership Committee: Deb Willis
 - Need to collect information on who is on what committee, so be aware of email requests to help populate the committee membership list
 - Facilities: Daryl Barton
 - EEFC has had an ongoing discussion about computer labs on campus and how money is allocated to each college; also provided update on Loop 1 (temporary building shut-downs to complete this process)
- VI. **Provost Minutes:** Rhonda Longworth 4:40 pm
- HLC Accreditation:
 - Email about HLC decision will be forthcoming; EMU must submit a 1-year report on budget and metrics on retention and graduation; Senate will be asked to participate in discussion to set the metrics and the budget
 - HLC will make a 4-year visit to check in and to assess progress toward the strategic plan (item for Senate discussion in early Fall 2019)
 - Provost Workgroups – Received final reports
 - Facilities:
 - Need to discuss facilities and how facilities are tied to the strategic plan (capital planning, etc.)
 - State budget appropriations look positive for the short term; capital outlay bill - Sill Hall project and is ranked 3rd of the building projects in Michigan state universities, and historically EMU is the most underfunded of the 13 universities in terms of capital projects; some concern for paying for Sill hall can be offset if we receive funding (up to \$40 million), and we would only have to pay 25% of the cost; university currently has bonding authority and could move forward on our own, but hoping that State will provide substantial funding for the project
- VII. **Announcements:** Ray Quiel, Faculty Senate President 4:50 pm
- Update Senate Roster for 2018-19
 - Proposed Senate Sessions 2018-19
 - Fish Lake re-open house – Opportunity to see the facility and brainstorm how the space can be used
 - Special thanks to outgoing Senate President Ray Quiel for this work
- VIII. **New Business**
- Email just received - HLC has awarded us 10 more years of accreditation
- IX. **Adjourn** 5:05 pm