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Eastern Michigan University
Faculty Senate Minutes (approved 7/15/20)

Session 15

3.00—5.00 pm June 10, 2020 ** Via Zoom

Present: Spragg, Saldanha, Carpenter, Winning, Braun Marks, Mistry, Welsh, Ferdousi, Patrick, Neufeld, Pawlowski, Chou, Klein, Barton, McAllen, Edwards, Curran, Staunton, Carter, McMahon, Lee, Garcia, Evett, McVey, Reedy, Mohamed, Millan, Trewn, Francis, Peavler, Waltz, Pressley-Sanon

Present Non-Voting: Egge, Gellasch, Gray, Kustron, Longworth, Scazzero, Tew, McTague, Tornquist,

- I. **Call to Order** 3:00 pm
- II. **Approval of the Agenda** 3:02 pm
Motion to approve agenda: Curran. Second: Barton. Motion carries.
- III. **Approval of the Minutes: [5-13-2020](#)*** 3:05 pm
Motion to approve: Barton. Second: El-Sayed. Motion carries.
- IV. **Elections** 3:10 pm
- Safe Return Steering Committee Appointment. Meets 9-10:30 on Thursdays. Appointee to attend weekly meetings of committee on Thursdays (9-10:30) and Faculty Senate executive board meetings on alternating Wednesdays (3:00-5:00).
Motion to appoint Suzanne Gray by acclimation to the Committee: Francis. Second: Barton. Motion carries.
- V. **Discussions**
- A. **[Resolution/statement on George Floyd movement \(Patrick\)](#)*** 3:14 pm
Call for faculty participation in response video.
- i. Faculty and staff are requested to send in photos of their one word/short responses to the three questions which will be compiled in a video response to the recent events.
 - ii. Vote to approve statement as written: Yay: 25. Nay: 0. Abstentions: 1.
- B. **Remote Course Designation (Longworth)** 3:29 pm
- i. Provost requests new course designation of “Remote” for courses offered synchronously for an assigned day/time but not in-person. This would differ from “Online” courses that are asynchronous and do not have specific meeting times.
 - ii. Motion to support the addition of a remote course delivery designation: Francis. Second: Evett.
 1. Discussion:
 - i. Courses would have an online fee because they will be offered fully online, but no additional costs.
 - ii. A campus space assessment is being completed to determine room availability based on emergency orders and public health guidelines, so fall will need to change, which will allow some classes to change from in-person to online or remote – this is to be determined in the next few weeks, but there are no set courses that will change. Provost estimates that between 1/3 and ½ of courses will need to change to online delivery due to space restrictions.
 2. Yay: 31. Nay: 0. Abstentions: 1. Motion carries.

- C. Reopening of Scholarly/Creative Activity Facilities (Tornquist, Longworth,Chawla)* 3:48 pm
[Reopening of Scholarly/Creative Activity Facilities Documents](#)
- i. Executive order was released that allowed faculty to return to research labs.
 - ii. Process for all forms of scholarly and creative activity. Tornquist reviewed process for faculty to request access to the research space.
 - iii. Chawla reviewed training modules, which include personnel health checks, cleaning and disinfecting, social distancing. Training was designed to take about 20 minutes to complete.
 - iv. Current executive order does not allow undergraduate students, but faculty and graduate students will be able to request access.
 - v. Any COVID-19 related PPE will be provided by the university. Any research related PPE will continue to be purchased by the department funds/grants.
 - vi. Single visit access to faculty offices to get materials for teaching do not require the training or this particular process, there is a separate process for single day access.
 - vii. Motion to approve the reopening plan for scholarly and creative activity facilities: Barton. Second: Francis. Yay: 32. Nay: 0. Abstentions: 0. Motion carries.
- D. Discussion of revised planning scenarios for fall & update on Academic and Student Affairs and unit plans* - (Longworth) 4:16 pm
[15 Fall Scenarios](#)
[Planning for Fall Semester- Academic and Student Affairs 06.05.2020.pdf](#)
[Planning Appendix A: Regarding Executive Orders.pdf](#)
- i. Campus spaces will be significantly limited due to the 6 foot distancing requirement.
 - ii. Kullberg stated information is not being shared as mandated by the AAUP contract.
 - iii. Disability resource center is being involved in evaluation of needs for the fall, including space assessments/modifications and PPE.
 - iv. Welsh asked about office hours and if they will be contractual obligations. This will be added to input requests. Question if faculty could opt for a reduced load with reduced pay; this will require negotiations between the university and AAUP. Question how load adjustments will be made with increasing contact hours for increasing sections due to reduced space and distancing requirements; this will continue to be discussed and changes will be negotiated.
 - v. Large sections may need to be moved to online formats due to space restrictions in lecture rooms.
 - vi. There is a planning process going forward in the departments and colleges, vetted by the steering committee, and reviewed by the public health committee and health & safety committee. Health reviews will be completed first, followed by Senate input, then to the steering committee.
- VI. **Provost's Update** 4:56 pm
- A. Athletics has not been approved to return to activities.
 - B. Longworth responded to racist events recently, and her office is reviewing hiring practices and organizational practices and other actionable items, rather than just expressing regrets.
 - C. Will send update on summer enrollment to Gray. Summer B is up 21% as of today. Marketing is looking for social media items to increase summer enrollments for B term. If enrollment was less than 5 for summer B the course could be canceled.
- VII. **Committee Chair Reports**
 End of year reports to be shared in Senate shared drive folder [19-20 End of Year Reports](#)
- VIII. **Announcements** 5:03 pm
- A. [MOU for summer input approved](#)*

B. [Grievance on lack of input on recent financial decisions and areas of joint responsibility](#)*

IX. **Adjourn**

5:06 pm

*Attachments available in shared drive: [6/10/20](#)

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