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FC Minutes  
Recorder: H. Ditzhazy  
4/5/00

**PRESENT:** Okafor AFS, Chew ART, Sonstein AHP, Zot BIOL, McDole BTE, Friebe CHEM, McCracken CTA, Lintner COSC, Edgren ECON, Sipe ENGL, Ahmad FCIS, Morgan FLABS, Nazzaro GEO/GEOL, Dieterle HIS/PHIL, Jogaratnam HECR, Ditzhazy L&C, Hogan LRT, Barton MKT/LAW, Warren MATH, Szabo MUSC, Rankin NURS, Bombyk SWK, Wasserman SAC.

**Ex-Officio:** Ken Rusiniak, Associate VP for Academic Affairs.

**ABSENT:** ACC, IDT, INT, MGMT, PHY/AST, PLS, PSY, SPED, TED, WMST.

**GUESTS:** President William Shelton; Director Karen Simpkins, Student Judicial Services

**ITEM I.** Call to Order. Meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

**ITEM II.** Approval of Minutes. Minutes of 3.15.00 were approved as presented.

**ITEM III. (A) Committee Reports. Action:** It is recommended that Elizabeth Francis fill out the two-year term of Virginia Dickie for the University Research and Sabbatical Leaves Committee. **(B) E-Mail Issue. Issue:** That a single e-mail system replace the current e-mail system. **Action:** The letter drafted by Sally McCracken has been forwarded to the President. **Support:** All ayes. **(C) Athletic Committee. Issues:** to meet in the near future re: 1. budget, 2. formation of sub-committee for oversight, 3. student welfare. **(D) Budget Committee. Action:** We will receive a summary of the meeting.

**ITEM IV. Guest:** President Shelton's remarks: He thinks EMU will be facing some difficult times. The academy is moving more and more toward a corporate model. External and internal forces continue to impact the academy. Collegiate athletics are making more of an impact. He believes "term limits" will not work to the advantage of the University. With the financial condition of our State, the governor should be more pro-active in recommending greater support for programs at universities. Currently the universities have almost no political clout. The political issue is a "huge, huge challenge." We have no person among the governor's advisors who is an advocate of public university education. The good side is, our institution is very healthy and financially stable. We are strong and have a good reputation in Lansing. He's had some great highs and a few lows, but overall it has been a fine 11 years. We are one of the few comprehensive institutions left in the Mid-American Conference. Faculty Council was commended for its work. He believes it is potentially a very powerful body. This institution is a lot stronger than any one person. EMU is going to be "all right."

**ITEM V. Guest:** Karen Simpkins, Director of Student Judicial Services. **Issue:** FC's

vote not to endorse the Student Conduct Code. The Code was endorsed by the student committee and by the attorneys who read it. It is problematic that FC did not endorse it. **Action:** Motion was made to rescind the previous motion not to endorse. 19 ayes, 2 nays, 0 abstentions. Motion passed. **Action:** Motion was made to endorse the Student Conduct Code and individuals with concerns will continue to meet with the Judicial Officer. 20 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

**ITEM VI.** President McCracken recognized the service of Ken Rusiniak as the Provost's representative and wished him well as he returns as Department Head of the Psychology Department.

**ITEM VII.** The next meeting of the FC will be on September 20, 2000 in Room 300 of the Halle Library.

**ITEM VIII.** Meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.