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FACULTY COUNCIL  
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Faculty Council Minutes  
December 6, 2000  
Recorder: H. Ditzhazy

**PRESENT:** K. Young ACC, V. Okafor AFS, B. Chew ART, S. Sonstein AHP, H. Zot BIOL, E. Butch CHEM, S. McCracken CTA, S. Erenburg ECON, C. Simmons ENGL, I. Ahmad FCIS, B. Morgan FLABS, D. Nazzaro GEO/GEOLOG, J. Armstrong HPERD, J. Dieterle HIS/ PHIL, G. Jogaratnam HECR, B. Lahidji IT, H. Ditzhazy L&C, W. Hogan LRT, R. Hill MGMT, D. Barton MKT, B. Warren MATH, E. Szabo MUSC, L. Rankin MUSC, E. Behringer PHY/AST, J. Scott PLS, A. Westman PSY, B. Bilge SAC, M. Beebe SPED, T. Green WMST.

**Ex-Officio:** Michael Harris, Provost's Office.

**ABSENT:** BTE, INDT, SWK, TED.

**GUESTS:** Martha Tack, President's Office; Joan M. Smith, MILSCI; Patrick Melia, Graduate School.

**ITEM I.** The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

**ITEM II.** The Minutes were approved as corrected.

**ITEM III.** Committee Reports. Distinguished Faculty Awards Committee was proposed: Chair, T. McDole (BTE); COAS: G. Hammill (CTA); COB: D. Barton (MKT); COE: T. Gwaltney (TED); CHHS: R. Douglass (AHP); COT: J. Jellema (IT); LRT: T. Racz (Info. Serv.). **ACTION:** Approved. Commencement Ceremony Marshals presented: Grand Marshal: Sally McCracken; Marshals of Faculty: Kathleen Beauvais, Yichun Xie; Marshals of Graduates: Charles T. Anderson, William J. Armstrong, Murali Nair, Michael Paciorek, James L. Vandenbosch, Glenn K. Walker, Robert S. Winning, Stewart D. Work. **ACTION:** Approved as presented.

**ITEM IV.** Appointment to Networking Committee: Bob Chew (ART). **ACTION:** Approved.

**ITEM V.** Appointment to Applications Committee: Millie Lintner (COSC). **ACTION:** Approved.

**ITEM VI.** Appointment to Course Development Task Force: Tom McDole (BTE) and Bette Warren (MATH). **ACTION:** Approved.

**ITEM VII.** Strategic Planning.

International Programs and Initiatives: Ray Hill, MGT; V. Okafor AFS; H. Ditzhazy L&C; B. Morgan FLABS; D. Nazzaro GEO/GEOLOG. **ACTION:** Approved.

Undergraduate Experience: S. Kattalus, ACC; D. Severt, HECD; P. Carden BTE; K. Stacey, CTA. **ACTION:** Approved.

Institute, Centers, and Interdisciplinary Research Units: M. Crouch, HIS/PHIL; P. Majeski INDT; J. Scott, PLS. **ACTION:** Approved.

Interdisciplinary Programming: M. Duley, HIS/PHIL; K. Sinclair, SAC; H. Neff, ENGL; D. Barton, MKT. **ACTION:** Approved.

**ITEM VIII.** Graduate School Policy on Doctoral Programs. Discussion: Many suggestions were made for modification of the policy. The residency section will be modified. **ACTION:** Ayes 14, Nays 9, Abstain 3. Send forward; the vote resulted in neither passing nor failing. Concerns of people who voted "no". The policy needs to state that departments are responsible for their doctoral programs and this should be a completely defined policy.

**ITEM IX.** Presentation Concerning the Business of Fall 2000. Forty-one appointments were made--a record term. We dealt with Graduate policies, received our new President, and reviewed scholarship and EMU Foundation matters.

**ITEM X.** History of the Faculty Council/ Discussion of Governance. Sally McCracken discussed the growth of the governance structure over the years. History of the Faculty Council was highlighted. In 1974 we considered "long range planning." In 1978, the Faculty Council came into existence. It was college based, with 13 faculty members. The first DED committee came in 1978. The Council increased to 15 college representatives in 1982. In 1990 the Council expanded to include all department representatives. In 1993, the Faculty Council became the appointing authority for faculty input on divisional and university-wide committees. By contract the department committees advise the department Head, the College Councils advise their Deans, the Graduate Council advises the Graduate Dean and the Faculty Council advises the Provost.

Joanna Scott presented information about governance. Governance is a powerful word that traditionally means the authority and the power to make new law and to enforce it. By this definition, governance is difficult to share, but can and often is effectively divided on college campuses--e.g. faculty governance controls curriculum, teaching and research, while Regental governance controls every aspect of budget, including the number and distribution of faculty positions and their funding. Both faculty and administrative governance bodies are involved in the tenuring and promotion of faculty. The term "input" implies an advisory role of assistance to the law-making authority, the Administration, but can be used through informal networks of influence to great effect. Other campuses, like the California State University system and the SUNY system in NY, both of which are unionized, have begun working together to maximize their governance clout with respect to their own system-wide Chancellors and Trustees. Our Faculty Council and the College councils exist independently of the Administration, cannot be dissolved by them, and are a potential reservoir of considerable governance authority and informal influence. Faculty governance guarantees academic quality, and really works to enhance Regental governance and the latter's role in representing the University. Faculty Council has amply demonstrated that it intends to

exercise its statutory governance role on campus as the academic advocate of the faculty.

**ITEM XI. Announcements.**

The FCEB will meet on 12/13/00 from 3-5 p.m. in 104 Pierce.

The FC will meet on 1/17/01 from 3-5 p.m. in the Tower Room of McKenny. The guests will be President Samuel Kirkpatrick and Don Loppnow, Assistant to the President for Strategic Planning.

**ITEM XII.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.