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FACULTY COUNCIL
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Faculty Council Minutes
February 7, 2001
Recorder: H. Ditzhazy

PRESENT: K. Young ACC, V. Okafor AFS, B. Chew ART, R. Douglass AHP, T. McDole BTE, E. Butch CHEM, S. McCracken CTA, S. Erenburg ECON, I. Ahmad FCIS, B. Morgan FLABS, J. Armstrong HPERD, J. Dieterle, G. Jogaratnam HECR, B. Lahidji IT, H. Ditzhazy L&C, W. Hogan LRT, C. Neuhaus MKT, B. Warren MATH, E. Szabo MUSC, L. Rankin NURS, J. Wooley PHY/AST, J. Scott PLS, A. Westman PSY, M. Bombyk SWK, B. Bilge SAC, M. Beebe SPED, P. Daisey TED, T. Green WMST.
EX-OFFICIO: Michael Harris, Interim Provost and VP for Academic Affairs.
GUESTS: Martha Tack, President's Office; Joan M. Smith, MILSCI; Bob Holkeboer, Dean, Graduate School; Deb deLaski-Smith.
ABSENT: BIOL, COSC, ENGL, GEO/GEOL, INDT, MGMT.

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m.

II. The minutes of 1/31/01 were approved with correction: Marti Bombyk is Graduate Council Chair.

III. Committee Reports. Distinguished Faculty Awards are on the way to the Provost's office. March 28 is the ceremony.

IV. Tribute to Provost Ron Collins: FC Members shared their thoughts and memories of Ron Collins. What follows is a brief summary of those comments.

"He heard what you said to him."

"He felt that teaching and learning were the heart of EMU."

"He surprised a new department head by supporting two new faculty lines in the department."

"Once Ron met you he remembered you."

"He received the first Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching in 1977."

"He believed in the meaning and significance of tenure."

"He was pro faculty and encouraged the art of classroom teaching."

"He supported travel awards and provided extra funds through his office."

"He supported sabbatical and research leaves and was always attempting to offer as many as he possibly could."

"He always championed EMU."

"He had a true interest in faculty research."

"He was able to cut through to the real issue."

"He was proud of faculty and was honored to be at Eastern."

"He invited newly promoted and tenured faculty to his home for receptions."

“He gave honest answers to legitimate questions.”

“He was a positive force in the institution.”

V. Action Item. Graduate School Admission Categories. Vote: Ayes: 27. Approved unanimously.

VI. Action Item. Graduate Policy Change: Enrollment in More Than One Graduate Program. Credit hour transfer for degrees contractually created--will be clarified in the new policy. Vote: Ayes: 27. Approved unanimously.

VII. Action Item. Program Review. The FC members offered many suggested changes to the Program Review document. President McCracken will compile all of the suggested changes into one document and submit it to the FCEB for review and then send it out to all Council representatives before the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2001.

VIII. President's Report. President McCracken reported that there seems to be a “conflict of interest” issue for the Strategic Planning Committee. It is now structured so that the Committee will review and possibly recommend changing the priorities from the Academic Affairs Division. The Committee has in its membership only two Deans. There is an appearance of conflict in interest in having two Deans with proposals on the table reevaluating the relative priorities of competing College proposals. The FC representatives discussed the matter and moved and approved a sense of the FC that “the process should avoid the appearance of or reality of a conflict of interest.” President McCracken was empowered to represent the Council in this matter and seek a resolution. The FC representatives also expressed concern over the short period of time for this process to be completed.

The issue of the absence of faculty input into the selection of a new e-mail system was raised and the letter written to Margaret Cline, Executive Director of University Computing, was read to FC. Her response was also reported. Bob Chew reported the cost of the new system. The FC agreed to visit the web site for the working groups at: <http://ict.emich.edu> and revisit the matter at the 2/21/01 meeting.

IX. Announcements. The tenth FCEB meeting will be held 2/14/01 from 3-5 p.m. in 104 Pierce. The tenth FC Meeting will be held 2/21/01 from 3-5 p.m. in the Tower Room of McKenny Union.

X. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.