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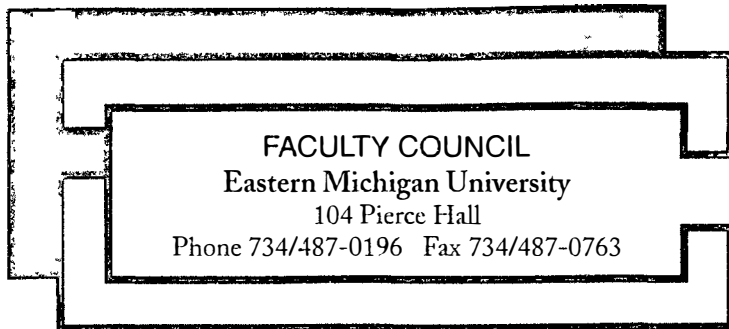
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Recorder: E. Broughton

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

II. Minutes were approved for October 17, 2001

III. President Kirkpatrick's Remarks: (1) Strategic Plan needs to be adopted and then secure the funds to support it; (2) Academic Program Review is underway; (3) a cultural change in Human Resources: some personnel changes have occurred and we are making good progress. There are more changes to occur in the next year. Some of the changes will be in professional development training for staff and support development (such as team building skills, time management); (4) NCAA athletic review process will begin in Spring; (5) Information and Communication Technology program is moving along. There is now a Human Resources person in charge of hiring for technology; (6) a University Marketing Plan is in place; significant losses in transfer students; we are supporting a Great lakes scholarship plan, giving a reduced plan to those states connected to the Great lakes, including Canada; (7) Public Engagement: there are four task forces that are ongoing in the community; (8) General Education Reform is the main issue for this year; need to be made friendlier to transfer students; (9) this Spring we hope to expand Academic Advising; Academic Affairs is working on this issue; (10) freshman year experiences and orientation programs are being revisited; (11) Affirmative Action and Director of Diversity: we do not have a robust affirmative action plan and are in the process of developing a utilization plan; (12) Enrollment Plan: it is a focus to look at retention efforts; (13) State Funds: only a month into the State fiscal year, and the State is short \$1 billion; hoping that higher education will be spared but it looks like a possible 5% call-back; the State is looking at saving public schools first; (14) Financial Aid: repackaged 10,000 student aid programs; (15) Federal Agenda: we have changed firms in Washington, D.C.; (16) redesign of funding development: we have merged Alumni and Development offices; (17) Cost Re-Engineering: cost-saving activities have occurred on campus; the Board of Regents has approved the beginnings of a detailed plan for a Student Union; parking strategies have also been examined; (18) conditions of our classrooms is a concern, in particular Pray-Harold. President Kirkpatrick responded to FC representatives questions.

IV. FC President's Report: President McCracken reported: (1) the Provost will come to the next FC meeting to present an overview of the General Education initiative; (2) look at Illinois State University's General Education program prior to the meeting.

V. Committee Report: ICT's Banner: Mildred Lintner reported that faculty have attended sessions on the Banner program.

VI. Other Business: Randy Baier mentioned Bill 3260 in Washington, D.C., which is proposed to access library books that individuals take from the library and may have other implications. This was referred to the FCEB.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

PRESENT: V. Okafor AFS, B. Chew ART, H. Zot BIOL, T. McDole BTE, T. Brewer CHEM, S. McCracken CTA, M. Lintner COSC, S. Erenbúrg ECON, R. Sipe ENGL, I. Ahmad CIS, M. Zinggeler FLABS, J. Armstrong HPERD, J. Dieterle HIS/PHIL, D. Silverman HECR, C. Haddad INDT, J. Bari IT, E. Broughton L&C, R. Baier HALLE, J. McEnery MGMT, D. Barton MKT, G. Ahlbrandt MATH, K. Cole MUSC, T.Y. Wu NURS, J. Wooley PHY/AST, B. Grady PLS, A. Westman PSY, B. Bilge SAC, M. Beebe SPED, C. Burns TED, T. Green WMST.

EX-OFFICIO: Michael Harris, Provost's Office.

GUESTS: President Kirkpatrick; Martha Tack, President's Office.

ABSENT: ACC, AHP, GEO/GEOLOG, SWK.