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November 20, 2002
Recorder: E. Broughton

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

II. The Minutes of November 6, 2002, were approved.

III. **GUEST:** President Sam Kirkpatrick. He commented on the many activities that faculty are involved in, specifically General Education Reform, Graduate/Undergraduate Certificate Program, and Strategic Planning. **(A)** President Kirkpatrick described his philosophy for linking planning to operating the institution: (1) more authority to Vice Presidents and Deans (decentralization); (2) linking budget to planning; (3) new Human Resources approach, related to hiring and training staff; broadbanding; (4) emphasized more local decision-making; (5) managing information and data systems; hired a professional for Institutional Research; (6) raised the quality bar: program review, personal and professional development; (7) leadership, vision, and planning: reviewing institutional policy; (8) professional development; (9) compliance program: accreditation and other policies; (10) Communication Information Technology: Banner implementation and computer replacement plan (3 year cycle); (11) visibility and marketing: Strategic Plan, student recruitment, new publications, alumni building; (12) hosting: Metropolitan University Association at EMU; (13) public engagement: link with schools, communities, and businesses; examining external stakeholders in a number of communities; (14) Campus Life: needs to be revitalized; (15) learning initiatives: Honors Program enhancement to attract stronger students; increase scholarships; (16) improve technology in classrooms; (17) Transfer Center; (18) Program Advisor Centers: alumni and placement; (19) focus on commuter students; (20) athletic education components; (21) diversity initiatives: a plan is in place; (22) new scholarships: access. **(B)** Resources: (1) cost-effective strategies; (2) strategic initiatives; (3) grow enrollment; (4) cost savings (energy); (5) external research proposal; (6) restructured the Foundation Development Office; (7) campus master plan. **(C)** Budget Priorities: (1) tied to strategic initiatives; (2) to honor contracts; (3) put money on quality; (4) access is high and enrollment high; (5) increased institutional federal aid by 33%; (6) need places to enhance our enrollments and use increased funds from enrollments for capital funds; (7) the State still has budget problems; revenues will continue to decline; contingency plans are in place and EMU is hoping that this is enough; (8) an investment commission was formed: more involvement with business community; recruited independent group and they developed a report in comparison for students; asked to have a summit conference with new Governor regarding this report.

After the President's comments, the faculty asked several questions related to decentralization, Banner system, faculty development, labor-management issues, and

lobbyists in Washington, D.C.

IV. Action Item: University Calendars for 2005-06 and 2006-07. Motion to move University Calendars 2005-06 and 2006-07, with several concerns to be addressed involving housing fines, Monday classes, Friday class break in Winter semester, and Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Motion carried: 18 Yes, 4 No, 2 Abstentions.

V. Committee Reports. (A) Technology Issues Committee: Gisela Ahlbrandt provided a report on this committee. (1) Website for meeting notes. Refer to www.emich.edu/fcouncil. (2) Caucus feature. Need feedback whether faculty use it or not. (3) Faculty Learning Technology: an initiative to develop a pilot program to provide new technology resources to faculty is progressing. Address concerns to Gisela.Ahlbrandt@emich.edu. (B) Banner Report. Registration in March will be web-based through my.emich.

VI. Moved to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

PRESENT: M. Kramer ACC, V. Okafor AFS, M. Ruggiero ART, S. Sonstein AHP, H. Zot BIOL, T. McDole BTE, T. Brewer CHEM, S. McCracken CTA, S. Erenburg ECON, J. Knapp ENGL, I. Ahmad CIS, M. Zinggeler FLABS, L. Sickels-Taves GEO/GEOLOG, J. Armstrong HPERD, K. Chamberlain HIS/PHIL, J. Brooks HECR, C. Haddad INDU, G. Mitchell IT, E. Broughton L&C, R. Baier HALLE, D. Barton MKT, G. Ahlbrandt MATH, T. Wu NURS, J. Wooley PHY/AST, B. Grady PLS, A. Westman PSY, R. Orrange SAC, M. Beebe SPED, C. Burns TED, S. Norton WMST, M. Lintner COSC, K. Cole MUSC.

EX-OFFICIO: Patricia Zimmer, Grad Council; Rosalind Martin.

ABSENT: MGMT, MUSC, SWK.