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Recorder: E. Broughton

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

II. The Minutes of 2/5/03 were approved with one change. During Margaret Cline's presentation, the faculty expressed concern regarding online computer support 24/7.

III. GUEST. Rob Bishop, ICT, attended the meeting to address email and computer replacements.

IV. Appointments. Search Committee for Director of Records and Registration. Sally McCracken was elected to serve on this search committee.

V. Action Items. (1) Women's Studies Addendum. The FC supported the addendum to the Guidelines for the Development of Academic Issues and Proposals. The motion passed unanimously. 28 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. (2) IAAC Bylaws Change. The FC supported the Bylaws changes. The motion to support the changes passed unanimously. (3) Transfer Taskforce report. The recommendation is to take out B4 section from the report until we get a clearer check on the procedures. The FC wanted B1 taken out, but leave B2 in the document. There was a discussion on B4 regarding training, certifying their training, and feedback to the departments. A concern is to make this process easier for students (rather than having students going from office to office). Also would like a central process system eventually. Another concern was to reconsider B1 but add Macro plus 4. The discussion then led to B2 instead of B1 and take out B4 for now and send the Taskforce forward. Another issue raised was to recommend B2 be tightened up. Examine the totality of the general education program. Line #3 School determine. . . if they satisfied a reasonable general education experience for the student (properly accredited is not an issue; we don't accept non-accredited programs). Amendment on item B2: Academic Issues set up a sub-committee general education. "Satisfied a reasonable general education experience." The motion on B2 line #3 change to "If they have "satisfied a reasonable general education experience comparable to that offered at EMU." 27 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Alida Westman volunteered to work with Joy Garrett regarding the transfer credit report information. Motion: drafting a new version, taking out B1, change B2 to reflect the amendment, and take out B4, and adding a change in the committee to the general Academic Issues Committee under the FC. 27 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. (4) Student Involuntary Administrative Withdrawal Policy. Karen Simpkins presented the policy to the FC. Karen responded to several questions: transcript rotations, mental disorders, assessment timelines, non-compulsive issues, ADA and sexual orientation concerns. Please email Karen with any other issues or concerns. She is still revising the document. She would like to come back with a new revised document. (5) Student Evaluation Taskforce Report. A discussion occurred on the report. A summary of the Taskforce was given. A concern was raised on related items was never a part of the committee. A concern about option 1, reverting to the current program was questioned. It was suggested that John Knapp come to the meeting. Another concern was the barrier of

item #1 amount of money. There are some contractual issues involved with changes. Another suggestion was to get bids for revising the computer program. Strong message that online evaluation should not be used. Another item that these procedures should not be put in place. Provost stated that web-based version will not be supported. The real issue is the detailed customization that has taken place. It has to be tacked on to the new computer base. Suggested the FC grapple with the evaluation questions. What do other institutions do? They have a standard set of questions and how they are used. A discussion about how and the purpose of evaluations. Another option is to use your own mid-term evaluations. Those on the tenure track can use mid-term evaluations. We will continue this discussion on the Taskforce.

VI. Next meeting is March 19, 2003.

PRESENT: M. Kramer ACC, M. Ruggiero ART, H. Zot BIOL, T. Brewer CHEM, S. McCracken CTA, S. Erenburg ECON, J. Knapp ENGL, J. Scazzero CIS, M. Zinggeler FLABS, L. Sickels-Taves GEO/GEOL, J. Armstrong HPERD, K. Chamberlain HIS/PHIL, D. Silverman HECR, C. Haddad INDT, J. Wang IT, E. Broughton L&C, R. Baier HALLE, D. Barton MKT, G. Ahlbrandt MATH, K. Cole MUSC, P Alford NURS, J. Wooley PHY/AST, B. Grady PLS, A. Westman PSY, M. Wedenoja SWK, R. Orrance SAC, C. Burns TED.

GUESTS: P. Zimmer, Graduate Council; Provost Paul Schollaert; Karen Simpkins; Rob Bishop.

ABSENT: AFS, AHP, BTE, COSC, MGMT, SPED, WMST.