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Recorder: E. Broughton  
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- I. The Meeting was called to order at 3:12 p.m.
- II. FC President Sally McCracken welcomed the faculty members to the new academic year and introduction of FC members took place.
- III. A letter of thanks and gratitude was unanimously approved by FC members to be sent to Millie Lintner, who served on FC and FCEB for many years. (Regretably, Millie passed away on Friday, September 5, 2003.)
- IV. Guests present were introduced: Faculty Development: Ann Blakeslee, Coordinator of Undergraduate Studies; Mark Ragg, Interim Director of CRS; Bob Van DerVelde, Assistant VP for Academic Affairs—Human Resources.
- V. Election of FC Secretary 2003-04. Elizabeth Broughton was elected by acclamation.
- VI. Election of FC Vice President 2003-04. Sharon Erenburg was elected by acclamation.
- VII. Presidential Appointments for Committee Chairs for 2003-04. (A) Academic Issues: Henry Zot, BIOL; (B) Intercollegiate Athletics: Jeff Armstrong, HPERD; (C) Honorary Degrees and DFA: Tom McDole, BTE; (D) Institutional Issues: Marilyn Wedenoja, SWK; (E) Procedures & Elections: pending appointment; (F) Student Issues: Tim Brewer, CHEM; (G) Budget & Finance: Daryl Barton, MKT; (H) Technology Issues: Gisela Ahlbrandt, MATH. All appointments were approved by FC.
- VIII. Guest: Provost Schollaert. The Provost addressed the FC outlining the Academic Affairs Work Plan for the new year. Below are some of the items reviewed: (A) General Education Reform; (B) Develop the Honors Program; (C) Curriculum Initiatives: (1) post baccalaureate teacher certification program; (2) limit hours to degree for baccalaureate students; (3) implement PhD in Technology; (4) develop new doctoral programs in CSI and Public Administration; (D) Develop objectives for faculty collective bargaining agreement; (E) Implement Administrator Evaluation system; (F) Complete collegiate reorganization; (G) Hire new deans in COB and CHHS; (H) Implement plan for new Faculty Development Center; (I) Refine Program Review enhancements; (J) Implement program for replacing faculty in early retirement plan; (K) Cross-Divisional initiatives: (1) classroom technology enhancements; (2) recruitment and enrollment growth; (3) grants from federal agencies; (L) Visibility and marketing: (1) extended programs; (M) Expand summer enrichment programs; (N) Support graduate recruitment activities; (O) Expand departmental admissions work; (P) Public engagement; (Q) Enhancing the learning community: (1) General Education reform; (2) new academic programs; (3) Honors Program; (4) expand diversity curriculum initiative; (5) expand Study Abroad opportunities; (6) include diversity plan in process for replacing faculty retirees. **RESOURCES PLANNING INCLUDED:** (1) develop investment plan for Continuing Education; (2) implement cost center approach to Summer; (3) conclude college restructuring. **OTHER ISSUES FOR FACULTY COUNCIL INPUT:** (A) Review of University policies by the Cabinet for the Board of Regents. This year, the Cabinet will work on some new policies and revise some policies, such as: (1) sexual harassment policy; (2) textbook issue—a centralized list; (B) Collegiate restructuring: release time for faculty development activities; (C) Board of Regents Academic Affairs chair would like to have meetings with President of Faculty Council; (D) Possible funds for Honors Program, faculty Development, Marketing/Publications, possibly more faculty positions. **QUESTIONS ASKED BY FACULTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:** (A) Enrollment status? Up in undergraduate and graduate enrollment; international students up from last year; (B) When will new faculty positions be approved? Hopefully released this month; (C) Center for Research Support, hopefully, will continue; (D) Single source coursepacks is a concern? It will not be applied to coursepacks. (E) Budget and the State of Michigan's fiscal budget? Still a concern; (F) Website for Faculty Development? Not yet; (G) Who is in charge for minimal

course enrollment numbers? The Deans will determine those numbers; (H) Will research development funds continue? This should be determined by Deans; (I) What is the role of departmental admissions data? Program of Review still has poor data? A concern.

IX. Action Item. Confirmation of the Faculty Athletic Representative, Howard Bunsis. President McCracken outlined the process which resulted in candidate selection and recommendation to the President for appointment. 22 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

X. President's Report. Issues: (A) Faculty Development and the current structural/organizational issues; Provost would like a broader academic human resource vision; (B) Emeritus faculty have asked to be included on FC Standing Committees; (C) EMU Policy changes submitted by the Provost; (D) Name change to Faculty Senate which is a bargaining issue; (E) Call for appointments: Parking Committee, Continuing Education Advisory Committee, University Sabbatical Leaves Committee, Public Safety Committee. (F) Summer changes 2003: reviewed the current status of interims in the Academic Affairs division;

XI. **OTHER ISSUES:** (1) Sharon Erenburg introduced an issue concerning the EMU website. The description on the right-hand side of the opening page and faculty involvement for the content of the page. (2) Concern that admissions information launched without links, and the cover of the website is similar to Buffalo State University. **(A) ADDITIONAL ISSUES:** (1) submission of grades online: difficult to change an incomplete for online submission; Spring grades that go from IP to a grade; (2) concern about Faculty Development plan and the approval process; (3) HPERD may be moved to CHHS—This is the CHHS reorganizational proposal that will come to the FC for input; (4) Martha Tack announced that the first University Convocation will be held on September 26, from 10:30 to 12:00 noon in Pease Auditorium. The first Institutional Awards will be presented.

XII. Meeting adjourned.

PRESENT: V. Okafor AFS; M. Ruggiero ART, S. Sonstein AHP; T. McDole BTE; T. Brewer CHEM; S. McCracken CTA, S. Haynes COSC; S. Erenburg ECON; J. Knapp ENGL; M. Zinggeler FLABS; C. Mayda GEO/GEOLOG; J. Armstrong HPERD; K. Chamberlain HIS/PHIL; D. Silverman HECR; C. Haddad INDT; G. Mitchell IT; E. Broughton L&C; R. Baier HALLE; D. Barton MKT; K. Cole MUSC; B. Grady PLS; S. von Kluge PSY; R. Orange SAC; L. Lee SPED; C. Burns TED.

GUESTS: Martha Tack, President's Office; Patricia Zimmer, Graduate Council; Provost P. Schollaert.  
ABSENT: ACC, BIOL, CIS, HIS/PHIL, MGMT, MATH, NURS, PHY/AST, SWK, WMST.