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Recorder: E. Broughton

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:04pm.
- II. Approval of the Minutes. The Minutes of December 3 were approved including corrections made on December 10, 2003.
- III. Sally McCracken announced the transition from her leadership to Daryl Barton. She addressed the Council that FC and AAUP have similar goals and need to work together. Daryl Barton is looking forward to "carrying on". She is looking forward to having a presence more on campus with faculty, and asked faculty to visit her in 104 Pierce Hall.
- IV. Nominations for Budget and Resources Committee Chair: Alida Westman was nominated and approved.
- V. Appointments.
  - A. Search Advisory Committee for the Vice President of Business and Finance. Confirmed appointment of Faculty Council President, Daryl Barton
  - B. University Diversity Committee. Nominated: Margaret Best, Halle; Joan Jones, Arts & Sciences; Dibya Choudhuri, Leadership & Counseling; Victor Okafor, Arts & Sciences. Victor Okafor was elected to serve on the University Diversity Committee.
- VI. Proposed Committees
  - A. Historical Preservation Committee - This committee was formed to examine files. Kathy Chamberlain, Robert Orrange, Randy Baier agreed to serve.
  - B. Bylaws and Procedure Review - This committee was formed to review the by-laws and procedures review. Debi Silverman, Susan Haynes, Bob Grady and Lidia Lee volunteered to serve.
- VII. Faculty Discussions:
  - A. ICT computer support for academic issues.
  - B. Review Committee structures, like University Parking Committee.
  - C. Invite administrators to address the faculty council.
  - D. Guidelines for academic institutes and centers- approved by Bob Holkeboer-w/o Faculty Council input
- VIII. Discussion item: General Education Proposal - Preliminary Discussion. The general education committee is planning to visit the academic departments to listen for comments. Please make notes of discussion in your department to bring back to the Faculty Council.

**Feedback/Points of interest/Concerns:**

(a) Breadth of coverage in the science area. (b) Learning through engagement area (c) Understanding culture particularly global and diversity issues. (d) Who gets to offer what courses? (e) Absence of the technological literacy requirements. (f) What is "Global Citizenship?" (g) If credit hour production is no longer used, then what is used? (h) Outcomes listed are not sufficient. (i) The 1 course requirement for cross-cultural and international studies is inadequate. It should be preserved at 6 credit hours. (j) Issue of technology (be careful of the words) - an understanding of technology work & instructional technology are 2 different concepts. (k) Technological literacy has 2 dimensions, technology in the world, and computer literacy. (l) Transfer students would have a block system - it seems transfer students might have it easier than EMU students, in terms of the quality. (m) Creative writing should also be allowed in individual departments. (n) It seems that the procedure is moving into the procedures of the old General Education System. (o) Productivity will be a major issue. What is being used as productivity measure or outcome measure. (p) Students complain of General Education requirements and would like to test out. (q) Concern about lack of physical education.

IX. A motion for Faculty Council to meet in Executive Council passed. Council met in Executive session.

A. Mid-year budget cuts draft letter. S. Moeller outlined several items.

Discussion: (1) Tone of the letter was a major concern.

(2) Faculty Council would like input on budgeting concerns/other areas.

(3) The committee was commended for their work.

B. What should be done?

Invite the provost, ask for information from him.

Motion: Revise letter and have FCEB decide on it.

X. Meeting adjourned at 5:01pm.

Present: S. Moeller ACC; 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; I Ahmad CIS; 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; G Ahlbrandt MATH; P Alford NURS; J Porter PHY/AST; B Grady PLS; A Westma PSY; M Wedenoja SWK; R Orrange SAC; L Lee SPED; C Burns TED; R Vandervelde, M Tack.

Absent: BIOL; MGMT; MUSC; WMST