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Faculty Council Minutes, March 17, 2004

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Faculty Council Meeting
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- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm.
- II. Minutes of 3/3/04 were approved as corrected.
- III. **Guests**
 - A. Provost Schollaert provided a presentation regarding EMU's results from the National Survey on Student Engagement (NSSE).
 - a. Faculty discussed the results regarding a number of issues concerning the content of the survey, structure of EMU's institution, and using the data for academic purposes. A suggestion was made to look at the data to assist in strategic planning for academic issues.
 - b. The Provost addressed credit hour production issues regarding the General Education Reform Committee and stated credit hours sort themselves out and still allow plenty of work to be done. He would like the faculty to examine the curriculum structure rather than credit hour production.
 - B. **General Education Reform Committee**

Martin Shichtman, Chair, reported on the process. There is a proposed draft which the Committee used when addressing all department faculty, as well as department feedback to the Faculty Council. Now the committee's task is to review the feedback and by Fall have a completed proposal. The committee will have structure and some implementation procedures in place by Fall.

Faculty Concerns:

 - a. The area of the disciplines to include technology
 - b. Ownership issues are a critical issue the committee is addressing.
 - c. The implementation of general education is a major concern particularly since the proposal is 40 credit hours, it could conceivably add up to 52 credit hours if a student makes incorrect choices.
 - d. A concern academic advisors have insufficient training to implement this new general education program. The committee's response was that this is a concern however right now the committee's role is the proposal.
 - e. Transferring would be easier with new proposal. The committee is proposing what all institutions in higher education are using with the new proposal.

- f. A concern about transferring out of EMU. The new proposal may be good or bad.
- g. Implementation increases flexibility for faculty but seems to be decreasing simplicity for students.
- h. A suggestion to the committee for the next draft proposal to provide a statement in "What is general education?"

C. Kathy Chamberlain presented the names for graduation marshals. The marshals were approved.

V. Faculty Issues

A. Letter to Dr. Kirkpatrick regarding letter on Classroom/Offices Buildings Survey was presented.

B. Faculty searches letter to Provost was completed.

C. Faculty Development center has identified 3 candidates. Each candidate will make a presentation on developing a faculty center.

1. Monday, March 29, 2004 2:00pm 300 Halle
2. Wednesday, April 1, 2004 2:00pm 103 Marshall
3. Monday, April 5, 2004 2:00pm 300 Halle

VI. By-Laws Committee

A discussion occurred regarding the proposed amendments to the Faculty Council By-Laws. A motion to approve the by-laws as presented. Motion to table.

V. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Present: S Moeller, ACC; M Ruggiero, ART; S Sonstein, AHP; H Zot, BIOL; T McDole, BTE; T Brewer, CHEM; S McCracken, CTA; S Haynes, COSC; S Erenburg, ECON; J Knapp, ENGL; P Sanchez, CIS; M Zinggeler, FLABS; GEO/GEOLOG; J Armstrong, HPERD; K Chamberlain, HIS/PHIL; D Silverman, HECR; C Haddad, INDT; G Mitchell, IT; H Ditzhazy, L&C; L Shirato, HALLE; R Hill, MGMT; D Barton, MKT; G Ahlbrandt, MATH; V Benitez, MUSC; P Alford, NURS; J Porter, PHY/AST; B Grady, PLS; A Westman, PSY; M Wedenoja, SWK; L Lee, SPED; C Bums, TED; K Sinclair, WMST; P Zimmer, Grad Council; R VanDerVelde. **Guests:** From the General Education Reform Committee: Linda Pritchard, Marty Shichtman (chair), Marjorie Ziefert, Margaret Crouch, Linda Shirato. **Absent:** AFS, SAC, Patricia Zimmer.