

2020

Faculty Senate Minutes, September 23, 2020

Faculty Senate

Eastern Michigan University
Faculty Senate Minutes (approved 10/14/20)

Session 2

3.00—5.15 pm September 23, 2020 via Zoom

Present: Barton, Bavery, Blackmer, Brewer, Carpenter, Chou, Corsianos, Curran, El-Sayed, Elton, Evett, Ferdousi, Flowers, Foster, Goodman, Hayworth, Judd, Lee, McCleary, Millán, Myler, Neufeld, Nims, Pressley-Sanon, Reedy, Saldanha, Sheerin, Speelman, Spragg, Waltz, Welsh, Zakrajsek.

Non-Voting Present: Gray, Kullberg, Longworth, Tew.

- I. **Call to Order** 3:00 pm
- II. **Approval of the Agenda** 3:01 pm
Motion: Barton. Second: Millán. Yes: 26. Abstentions: 1. Motion carries.
- III. **Approval of the Minutes: [9/9/2020*](#)** 3:03 pm
Motion to approve minutes: Barton. Second: Pressley-Sanon. Discussion to add Michael Reedy to attendance list. Yes: 24. Abstentions: 3. Motion carries.
- IV. **Welcome and introduction of new members** 3:05pm
- V. **Appointments and Elections** 3:10pm
 - A. Committee Appointment Confirmations
 - i. [Academic Calendar Committee](#): Kristi Judd & Konnie Kustron
 - ii. [Ad-Hoc Committee to Assess Community Police Oversight](#):
 - 1. Marilyn Corsianos, SAC, appointed by Faculty Senate Executive Board
 - 2. Other [nominees](#):
 - i. Kevin Karpiak, SAC
 - ii. Peter Blackmer, Africology and African American Studies
 - iii. D Robert Okopny, Accounting

Motion to approve Committee Appointments by acclamation: Barton. Second: Carpenter. Yes: 27. No: 0. Abstentions: 1. Motion carries.
 - B. Senate Executive Board
 - i. Results of online election via Survey Monkey –
 - 1. Vice President
 - i. [Marilyn Corsianos, SAC](#)
 - ii. [Jessica Elton, CMTA](#)
 - 2. Secretary - Rebecca Spragg, HPHP
 - 3. Membership Coordinator, Monica Millán-Serna, World Languages
 - ii. Corsianos, Spragg, and Millan were elected to executive board via online election prior to meeting.
 - iii. President will nominate chairs for remaining positions for approval at 10/14 meeting
- VI. **Discussions**
 - A. [Findings & Recommendations of Faculty Advisory Board on Campus Housing](#) (Carpenter) 3:15pm
 - i. RFQ was sent out for privatizing housing.

- ii. Recommended waiting until the with impact of the pandemic is clear before proceeding
- iii. Evaluating housing with all key stakeholders, students, and community, best practices from literature.
- iv. Decreased number of students in housing results in less students on meal plans, we will likely need to pay Chartwells to make up the difference in guaranteed meal plans.
- v. Report that Chartwells is not refunding students for unused time on dining plans from Winter 2020. Longworth responded that this has not been reported to administration.
- vi. Poll to affirm the Faculty Advisory Board on Campus Housing Findings and Recommendations: Yes 30, Abstentions 2.

B. Proposed Changes to Winter 2021 Academic Calendar (Longworth)

3:46 pm

- i. [Request for Input](#)
- ii. [Draft Calendar](#)
- iii. Proposal to proceed with winter semester as fall did, with a 2 week mostly online start, not have the “spring” break, and finish the semester one week earlier in April.
- iv. Anticipate winter course schedules looking like the current fall schedule, with a mix of online/hybrid and limited in-person instruction.
- v. Faculty concerns over student mental health with the removal of the spring break. Other idea of extending the semester break by one week and ending the semester at the regular time.
- vi. Polls:
 1. Affirm the Winter 2021 academic calendar change (as initially presented by Provost)?
Yes: 64%, No: 28%, Abstain: 8%
 2. Affirm the delay of starting the online component of the semester to 1/13/21 with a semester ending date of 4/20?
Yes: 80%, No: 20%, Abstain: 0%
 3. Which of the two schedules do you prefer?
Online start on 1/6, no winter break, last day of classes 4/13: 24%
Online start on 1/13, no winter break, last day of classes 4/20: 72%
Abstain: 4%

C. [Update on Title IX Mandated Federal Changes:](#)

4:09 pm

Title IX Coordinator, Anika Awai-Williams

- i. Reviewed prepared presentation.
- ii. Changes created required definitions for sexual harassment, sexual assault, and dating & domestic violence.
- iii. Live cross examination is now required in all hearings for formal complaints. Informal resolution recourse may address complaints in certain circumstances
- iv. If a student refuses to participate in the hearing, any previous statements they’ve made can not be taken into account by the final decision maker. This includes all parties, including witnesses.

- v. The Title IX office works to help provide equal access and reduce barriers for students who have been victims, even if they do not want to go through a formal judicial process.

VII. Committee Chair Reports

- A. Task Force on Campus Climate, Race and Diversity Issues (Patrick) 4:38 pm
[Student Conversations about Diversity and Inclusion](#), October 7, 6:30pm
 - i. Encourage students to attend the virtual listening session, particularly international students.

- VIII. Provost's Update** 4:43 pm
- A. Simulation Animation and Gaming Proposed Move from CET to CAS School of Art & Design
 - i. Provost providing resources to review regarding this proposed move.
 - B. Sections scheduled with on campus meetings for fall are at 10.1% having some on campus component -above the 2.2% for the first three weeks but below the 18% originally scheduled.
 - i. Some of the 10.1% have already completed their on campus classes and will not be on campus further this semester.
 - C. Student Government Election Delay
 - i. Delayed from winter to Fall.
 - D. Naming of Quirk is being reviewed by a broad committee of campus and community members.
 - E. Recording zoom/meet sessions – recording by professor is ok as long as students are informed. Legal is reviewing issue, as well as the Technology Issues committee.

- IX. Announcements** 4:55 pm
- A. Executive Board Resolution:
[Resolution on Minimizing the Number of Face to Face Classes for Fall 2020](#)
 - B. Please check [Senate Roster](#) to ensure that representative/alternate info is accurate for your department
 - C. Seeking candidates for Student Issues Chair, currently vacant. Details available in [Senate By-Laws](#). Must be Senate representative or alternate to serve.

- X. Adjourn** 5:04 pm

Supporting documents available in Senate shared drive: [9/23/20](#)

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