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## **Faculty Senate Minutes, March 10, 2021**

Eastern Michigan University

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***Faculty Senate Minutes (Approved 3/24/21)***

**Session 12**

3.00—5.15 pm March 10, 2021 via Zoom

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Present: Banerji, Barton, Bavery, Brewer, Brock, Carpenter, Curran, Elton, Ferdousi, Flowers, Foster, Fyn, Goodman, Judd, Lee, Mannari, McCleary, McVey, Millan, Mohamed, Neufeld, Nims, Pressley-Sanon, Reedy, Saldana, Sheerin, Spragg, Trewn, Welsh, Zakrajsek.

Non-Voting Present: Chawla, Tornquist, Tew, Longworth, Gray, Gellasch, Higbee, Kustron, Pamela, Deacons.

- I. **Call to Order** 3:00 pm
- II. **Approval of the Agenda**
- Motion to approve the agenda: Curran. Second: Barton. Yes: 28. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carries.
- III. **Approval of the Minutes: [2/24/21](#)\***
- Motion to approve the minutes: Barton. Second: Pressley-Sanon. Yes: 26. No: 0. Abstain: 2. Motion carries.
- IV. **Appointments and Elections** 3:06 pm
- A. Writing Intensive Vetting Committee - Amy Fyn, University Library
1. Motion to approve appointment of Fyn to committee by acclamation: Barton. Second: Flowers. Yes: 26. Abstain: 2. Motion carries.
- V. **Discussions**
- A. **Update on HLC Workgroups/Timeline** 3:10 pm  
Michael Tew, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Programming and Services
1. Four of the five criterion committees have submitted rough drafts of the arguments for the assurance document. Each report is being reviewed by the HLC Steering committee and will be returned for the committees to review and revise. Anticipated drafts for review by Senate in early April. Final drafts need to be submitted to HLC by September 21.
  2. Carpenter reports that the Criterion 5 committee has been moving slowly because of the need for more budgetary input.
  3. Zakrajsek reported that regarding assessment it would be useful to use this process as a framework for assessment at the university level, college level, and program level. This could help reduce redundancies and close the loop.
  4. McVey and Flowers reported that their workgroups have completed and submitted their rough drafts.
- B. **College, Department, Program, and Facility Naming** 3:31 pm  
[Board Policy BOR 05.12](#)

1. Executive board drafting letter to Board of Regents to review the policy on renaming to include stakeholders in the decision process, similar to the renaming of the Quirk building.
2. Welsh expressed concern about the transparency of the donation and the naming.
3. Longworth recommended having Bill Shepard from the EMU Foundation visit to discuss due diligence of donations and how process is undertaken.
4. Higbee (AAUP) asked if GameAbove has actually paid the donation/has it been received? Longworth to get an answer to the question.
5. Mohamed was concerned that the vetting process for the names used was not clear and could potentially be problematic connections for the university.

**C. Federal Research Conflict of Interest Policy Update**

3:46 pm

Sonia Chawla Wright, Research Compliance Officer

1. Reviewed the increased federal requirements for conflict of interest, conflicts of commitment, and foreign obligations. EMU policy is being revised and expanded to include these areas to address the federal requirements.
2. Federal training will be required.
3. Internal form will be updated as well to address this issue for internal awards (sabbatical, faculty research fellowship). While the requirements are for federal awards, this will elevate the internal requirements so they are consistent across all award levels (internal and external).
4. Board of Regents is also reviewing other conflict of interest policies, including the ones for the Regents, and Vice Presidents.
5. Senate to review the policy and provide feedback to approve policy updates at a subsequent meeting.

**D. EMU Engage App** (helps students coordinate and connect with campus systems and services) 4:11 pm

Christine Deacons, Director, Academic Support Programs

Bill Jones, Director of Instructional Technology and Information Management

1. About 1200 active users in the app, with over 7500 downloads. Can be downloaded from the apple store or google play:  
<https://www.emich.edu/academic-support-programs/hsc/engage-app/index.php>
2. Helps with connecting students to areas of need, as well as to the university. Allows for increased support for students to encourage success. Highest areas of student engagement with the app
3. A main area of use with the app is to connect with students with app notifications – this came from the recognition that students don't check email. The app notifications don't require students to open anything. An example was students were required to have 2 success meetings by October 1, those who didn't have those meetings were contacted through the app. Faculty can use it to communicate with students as well.

4. The app is integrated with Canvas – any notifications or announcements in Canvas will show up as an app notification as well.
5. A “channel” can be created on the app for a program or department or other group. Students can be invited to join the channel.
6. Concerns expressed over privacy of students and their data. Response that there is an express agreement with the app developer that they cannot use data from our students. Keyword searches are only on the public post boards/campus wall. Scanning into events is optional, paper sign in sheets would still be available, and these are not tracked beyond attendance.

**E. Academic Affairs Strategic Planning (Longworth)**

4:46 pm

1. [Discussion on list of strengths and themes](#)
2. Senators to get feedback from departments. Senate to vote on approval of the themes at subsequent meeting.

**VI. Provost’s Update**

4:50 pm

- A. Tenure and promotion letters will be sent out by the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Faculty Development Search committee is full and will be meeting soon. Rhonda Fowler, University Librarian, will be chairing the committee.
- C. Week of Excellence is in 2 weeks. Undergraduate and graduate research conferences are coming up this month. Distinguished faculty awards are coming up this month as well.
- D. April commencement will be held remotely.

**VII. Committee Chair Reports**

5:02 pm

- A. Update on Ad Hoc Privacy Committee (Carpenter)
  1. Meeting next week. Currently collating privacy policies at macro level and vendor level. Also reviewing privacy policies at other universities and best practices.

**VIII. Announcements**

- A. Simulation Animation and Gaming Move
  1. [Catalog change notification](#)
- B. Housing RFQ Update
  1. [Housing RFQ](#)
  2. [Message to Regents/Smith](#)
  3. [Smith Response](#)
  4. [Smith 12/22/20 Response](#)
- C. Campus Billboard Outsourcing Documents
  1. [Provost’s message](#)
  2. [Operating agreement](#)

3. [Key points document](#)

IX. Adjourn

5:05 pm

Documents in [3/10/2021](#)

Next full Senate meeting: 3/24/21

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