

UNIVERSITY FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES – MEETING FOUR

October 19, 2005, 3 – 5 p.m.

Tower Room, McKenny Union

104 Pierce Hall

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487-0196

**I. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:02

**II. Approval of the minutes of October 5, 2005**

The minutes were approved.

**III. Old Business**

- University Faculty Council (UFC) has a link to Academic Affairs. Don Loppnow was asked to provide a link from Academic Affairs to UFC also.
- The University Faculty Council Website is being updated.
  - a The bylaws now are posted.
  - b The photos of representatives not yet uploaded will be added a.s.a.p.

**IV. Committee Appointments**

**A. University Sabbatical Leave and Research Committee – 3 yr appointment**

**CHHS:** R. Douglass

**Library:** L. Klopfer

**B. Pre-Professional Coordination Taskforce – 2 yr appointment**

**CAS:** M. Angell (BIO), B. Pyle (PLSC)

**CHHS:** G. Hammerberg

**COE:** G. Stiefel

**C. Public Safety Oversight Committee – 2 yr appointment**

S. McCracken (CTA)

**V. Call for Nominations: If interested or if you know of someone who is, please let Daryl Barton know.**

**General Education Implementation Subcommittees**

**1- Learning Beyond the Classroom**

One from each of the following colleges: COB, COT, COE, CHHS

**2- Writing Intensive**

One from COT and one from COB

**3- Catalog Development Taskforce (Bill Miller)**

*Importance.* The catalog under which a student enrolls is this student's contract with EMU which specifies what the student is required to do to graduate with the degree from the program(s) in which the student is enrolled. This means that the catalog needs to be written carefully and communicate completely.

One appointment is needed from each college. Preference will be given to people with experience on a college council.

**VI. Guest – Bob England, Interim Athletic Director, and Scott Schultz, Athletic Marketing and Promotions**

Bob England indicated that many of our athletes also are model students. Many who play at EMU are from out of state and pay out-of-state tuition. NCAA has used different criteria to determine whether a school belongs (such as, size of stadium, or average attendance at home games), and criteria tend not to be enforced.

The Board of Regents and EMU's president would like to see faculty become more involved with athletics, attending practices and games, so that the campus becomes a more coherent and positive whole. This positive atmosphere is helpful for inspiring alumni to donate to EMU.

Scott Schultz indicated that there is a game on November 5 at Ford Field, and faculty can get discounts on the ticket price. Students may not know that they can attend free of charge if they show their student ID card.

**VII. Guest – Tom Stevick, Interim Vice President for Advancement**

EMU is beginning a comprehensive campaign for scholarships, faculty positions, programs, and facilities. Details are being worked out. It is hoped that everyone will join the campaign in order to make it a success.

Compared to other colleges and universities, EMU's faculty and staff are among the highest contributors; however, EMU's alumni are among the lowest.

**VIII. UFC – Faculty Scholarship for a Student Who Demonstrates Leadership**

Faculty through Faculty Council are offering a \$500 scholarship for the Winter '06 term. The criteria are: (1) class standing of Sophomore, Junior, or Senior, (2) GPA of 2.5 or better, and (3) evidence of student leadership.

To endow the scholarship, faculty are asked to donate \$20.05 in 2005. If all faculty contribute \$20.05, the scholarship will be endowed in one year. Please make out your check to the EMU Foundation and note that it is for the Faculty Scholarship. Or give the cash to your FC representative, and the representative will do this for you.

A big "Thank you" to all faculty in advance!

**IX. Other Business**

**Gen Ed concerns, problems, and issues.**

Please send them to Daryl Barton.

At the FCEB meeting on October 26, the issues, concerns, and problems will be organized and forwarded to Gen Ed co-chairs Ann Blakeslee and Margaret Crouch.

At the Nov. 2 FC meeting, the co-directors and the chairs of the Vetting committees will come to answer questions.

Issues, concerns and problems mentioned so far include:

- Reduction in the number of science courses required and removal of the technology requirement go counter to the recommendations of industry, the governor, and the Cherry commission.
- Using only prefixes to determine transfer credits is easy but creates nonsense. For example, Science and Science Fiction with a PHY prefix should not transfer as a Gen Ed physics course.
- There is inconsistency between what EMU and community colleges accept for Gen Ed credit. Some courses may get Gen Ed credit at community colleges but not at EMU.
- The Advanced Writing Requirement demands time and energy beyond what most faculty can add to their workload
- It is not clear why writing is targeted for an advanced requirement. Students need the skills to orally present their views also.

- The Advanced Writing Requirement is substantially more intense and demands more instructor training than Writing Across the Curriculum. It is not clear why this is so.
- Is it really necessary to submit different documentation for each category in which a course might be listed? The bureaucracy is overwhelming to many people.
- Current interpretations of the Gen Ed document which was passed in principle seem to be more restrictive than the original intent of the document seems to be.
- Diversity in the U.S. states lots of content in the negative. Is it not better to teach students to think than to tell them what to think?

#### **X. Announcements**

- The Fifth **Faculty Council** meeting for the 2005-2006 Academic Year will be held on **November 2**, 3 to 5 p.m., in the Tower Room of McKenny Union.
- The Fifth Faculty Council Executive Board Meeting for the 2005-2006 Academic Year will be held on **October 12**, 3 to 5 p.m., in the Faculty Council Offices.
- **Academic Affairs Division Leadership Meeting, October 20**, 9 – 10:30, McKenny Ballroom. All Faculty Council representatives are invited. If you cannot attend, please send your alternate.
- Note. Please make sure you read your e-mail regularly. It is the primary method of communication regarding upcoming Faculty Council meetings and announcements. Please reduce your accumulated e-mail; otherwise, OVERQUOTA will appear, and you will not receive current materials.

#### **XI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alida Westman

**Present:** V. Okafor (AFS); M. Reedy (ART); M. Coffman (BIOL); D. Snyder (CHEM); S. McCracken (CTA); M. Evett (COSC); D. Crary (ECON); S. Krause (ENGL); I. Ahmad (CIS); M. Zinggeler (FLABS); C. Mayda (GEO/GEOL); R. Faust (HPHP); D. Clifford (HEALTH SCI); G. Mitchell (ENGIN TECH); E. Broughton (L & C); L. Shirato (HALLE); R. Hill (MGMT); D. Barton (MKT); J. C. Jones (MATH); J. R. Smith (MUS); S. Nelson (NURS); J. Porter (PHY/AST); E. Martin (PLS); A. Westman (PSY); R. Orrange (SAC); L. Nybell (SWK); L. Lee (SPED); P. Pokay (TED); S. Norton (WMST).

**Ex-Officio:** D. Loppnow (INTERIM PROVOST AND V.P. OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS); N. Contas (ASSISTANT V.P. OF ACADEMIC SERVICES)

**Guests:** B. England (INTERIM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR); S. Schultz (MARKETING ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT); T. Stevick (INTERIM V.P. FOR ADVANCEMENT)

**Absent:** ACC; HIST/PHIL; TECH STUDIES