

UNIVERSITY FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES – MEETING TWO

October 4, 2006, 3 – 5 p.m.

Tower Room, McKenny Union

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I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:04

II. Approval of the Minutes of September 20, 2006

The minutes were approved with one modification. The word “financial” is inserted in the sixth bullet under IV.D. in front of the word “transparency.”

III. Election of Officers

Matt Evett and Alida Westman were reelected unanimously to vice-president and secretary, respectively.

IV. Standing Committees

The chairs of the Standing Committees are members of the Executive Board, and, in accordance with the By-Laws, the Executive Board is appointed by the president of Faculty Council.

The choice of chairs for the specific committees for this year was approved by Faculty Council.

A. Academic Issues – Lidia Lee. Three (3) additional members are needed.

B. Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Committee – Elizabeth Broughton. Two (2) additional members are needed.

C. Honorary Degree and Distinguished Faculty Awards – Margrit Zinggeler. For this committee only, one faculty member from each college and one from the library are needed.

D. Institutional Issues – Ross Nord. This committee includes representation on the Academic Affairs Facilities Committee and on the Library Advisory Council. Three (3) additional faculty members are needed to serve on this committee.

E. Procedures and Elections – Victor Okafor. Two (2) additional members are needed.

F. Students Issues – Sandy Norton. An additional person is needed.

G. Budget and Resources – Robert Orrange. An additional person is needed, and preferably someone who is knowledgeable about budgets.

H. Technological Issues – Margaret Coffman. This includes representation on ERP Business Operations council which runs Banner, UTAC, and e-fellows. A faculty member who is involved in graduate advising would be an excellent second person to have for this subcommittee.

I. Representatives present were asked to rank order the committees on which they want to serve. Faculty members not on Faculty Council will be asked to serve on committees for which more people are needed.

J. Representation. A request was made to the president of Faculty Council that the colleges be represented better on the Executive Board. Prior boards which the president has appointed were more representative. The president indicated that she had thought in terms of people best for the jobs which

needed to get done rather than in terms of the colleges represented, and that she will be more mindful of the colleges in the future.

V. Committee Appointments

A. Faculty Development Advisory Committee

Linda Polter (COE) replaced Ella Burton, and she was appointed unanimously to this committee.

B. Search Committee for a Dean of Continuing Education

Liz Broughton (COE) and Victor Okafor (CAS) were unanimously appointed.

C. Search Committee for Associate Vice-President for Academic Programming

Mark Higbee (CAS) was unanimously appointed. **A person from other than CAS is still needed.**

D. Search Committee for an Executive Director for Marketing and Communications

Marti Bombyk (CHHS) was unanimously appointed.

E. Gen Ed Implementation. Unanimously appointed were:

Evaluation & Assessment – Sharon Erenburgh

Faculty & Staff Development – Jeff Bernstein, Dennis Patrick, and Bob Teehan

Writing Intensive – Ernie Behringer, Suzanne Gray

F. Library Advisory Council: Ross Nord will attend

G. Faculty Athletic Representative: **Someone is still needed.**

H. Academic Affairs Facilities Planning Committee. It is chaired by Bob Neely, and the committee reports to Steve Holda.

During the Spring Meeting, the following were elected unanimously.

CAS – Matt Evett

COE – Steve Camron

COT – Louise Jones

Still needed is a representative from CHHS, COB, and from the library.

VI. Chris Foreman, Director of Gen Ed

Her position is a faculty position, and she has been working to make procedural changes in order to remove bottlenecks. The intent is to begin the new Gen Ed in the Fall of 2007 and to begin assessment at the same time also.

There is a Gen Ed faculty liaison in each department or college, and they are working for a small honorarium.

There certainly is time to submit courses still. In fact, established courses could be vetted up to the day before Fast Track begins. Courses which have been approved also will be shown on the Faculty Council website. Getting things onto the Gen Ed website is a bit more problematic now that the original arrangement for posting has ended.

The new Gen Ed will be unique, used to advertise EMU, and recruiters already have been hired.

In discussion, the academic level of courses being transferred from community colleges to EMU was explored. Chris Foreman will be in a position to indicate the outcome of courses which EMU is looking for, so that there is comparability to courses offered at EMU and students are not handicapped as they

take upper-level courses. Some students are not ready for a 4-year college, and they are better off going to a community college first, but other students are very ready for the 4-year college experience.

VII. Drop in enrollment: -2.77% credit hours

Possible causes include: no jobs for elementary school teachers right now in Michigan, parking problems at EMU causing students to miss classes and go elsewhere, recession in Michigan, retention problems. Many lower-level courses are taught by part-timers who cannot invest in students.

VIII. Discussion: Vote of No Confidence

Who we are: we are not here for the income, for the state of the art classrooms, or to promote Nobel Prize winning students, but rather because our students need us, and we can make an important difference in their lives.

Our goals are to set straight the loss of focus on academic affairs which the Board of Regents is showing. There will be two openings on the Board by the end of this year.

A committee of Marti Bombyk (Chair), Daryl Barton, Matt Evett, Alida Westman, and J. R. Smith will look into creating a write-up which best verbalizes our grievances. Representatives will be asked to get feedback from their departments for the next Faculty Council meeting.

IX. Announcements

- A.** The **third UFC** meeting for the 2006-2007 academic year will be held on October 18, 2006, 3 to 5 p.m. on the **FIFTH FLOOR OF THE REC IM BUILDING**. McKenny will no longer be available.
- B.** The **second UFC Executive Board** meeting will be held on October 11, 2006, in the University Faculty Council office.
- C.** **Please make sure that 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.
- D.** University Faculty Council minutes, documents, committee reports, etc., are now posted on the website, www.emich.edu/facultycouncil
- E. Where UFC will meet 2006-2007:**
 - October 18: fifth floor of the REC IM building
 - November 1: 300 Halle
 - November 15: new Student Center (Room TBA)
 - December 6: fifth floor of the REC IM building
 - January 17 and thereafter: new Student Center (Room TBA).

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alida Westman

Present: M. Rahman (ACC); V. Okafor (AFS); M. Reedy (ART); M. Coffman (BIOL); R. Nord (CHEM); S. McCracken (CTA); J. Rice (ECON); I. Ahmad (CIS); M. Evett (COSC); M. Zinggeler (FLABS); S. Rutherford (GEO/GEOLOGY); L. Watson/ M. Higbee (HIS/PHIL); P. Becker (TECH STUDIES); L. Klopfer (University Library); R. Larsen (ENG); E. Boughton (L & C); K. Banerji (MGMT); D. Barton (MKT); J. Smith

(MUS/DANCE); G. Rubenfeld (NURS); E. Behringer (PHY/AST); A. Westman (PSY); R. Orrange (SAC); B. Hozor (SET); D. Clifford (SHS); L. Stevens (SPED); M. Bombyk (SWK).

Ex-Officio: D. Loppnow (PROVOST & V.P. FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS)

Guests: Bob Neely (ASSOCIATE PROVOST); Chris Foreman (DIRECTOR OF GEN ED)

Absent: HPHP; PLS; TED; MATH; WMST