

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – MEETING NINE

February 3, 2010, 3 – 5 p.m.

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I. Approval of the Agenda

Perry Francis moved and David Crary seconded approval of the agenda. It was approved unanimously.

II. Approval of the Minutes of January 20, 2010

Mark Higbee moved and Perry Francis seconded the approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved with two abstentions (26 – 0 – 2).

III. When Should Minutes Be Posted? – Matt Evett

If there is information which needs to be shared after a Faculty Senate meeting, the president of Faculty Senate should send out this information. The minutes should not be posted on the website until they have been approved. If people have further suggestions, please contact Matt.

IV. Report from the Parking Committee – Kate Pittsley and Phil Smith

A. Student Center Lot 1-A

This lot has been returned to being a hangtag lot, but it will be converted to an overflow guest lot for large events at the Student Center.

B. Handicapped Spots on West Circle Drive

These handicapped locations are in better places than before, and they have been well received.

C. Electronic Sign on Structure Drive

The numbers are recalibrated every morning, but they have not stopped people from waiting for the next available spot to open up as police had hoped.

D. Parking Is Always Available at the Green Lot

The police report that there always are spots available at the Green Lot next to Huron River Drive.

E. University Parking Committee Website: www.emich.edu/parking/committee
Andrew Ross, AAUP rep, created the website. It also permits e-mailed suggestions at parking_suggestions@emich.edu.

F. Ideas Not Being Explored

Ideas which decrease money are not well received by the police. This includes suggestions concerning the matching of drivers for reserved spots and matching who can come in together.

G. Ideas Being Explored

Tiered pricing is being explored, so that the Green Lot next to Huron River Drive will be cheaper than other lots. Zip cars for use on campus also are being explored. Further, keeping the gates closed at the beginning of the term would decrease the number of students who take faculty spots. Not all lots can be gated, because backup goes onto the street. The Faculty Senate Executive Board will discuss these ideas and create motions as appropriate.

V. BA vs BS degree – Jill Dieterle

The current rule is that any student taking a year of foreign languages gets a BA. This includes students who are majoring in the sciences. Jill presented a proposal to give academic programs the right to indicate which degree is most appropriate for their

graduates. Senators are asked to discuss the proposal with the faculty they represent and to be ready to vote on the proposal at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

VI. Modification to the By-Laws – Marti Bombyk

The mission statement was wordsmithed, and Marti will send it to the senators for vote at the next meeting.

Senators should be elected in April and begin their term in September. The names of the senators should be sent to the membership VP. This VP is elected, as are the president, VP, and secretary. The remaining 4 to 6 members of the Executive Board (FSEB) are at large and will be chosen by the president but need to be affirmed by the Faculty Senate (FS). Yet to be discussed is whether a prior practice should be reinstated, and this is that all senators should serve on at least one university committee.

VII. Ad Hoc Student Conduct Review Committee -- David Crary

An ad hoc committee was formed to review (a) issues related to student cheating and classroom disruption, (b) the current Student Code of Conduct, and (c) current procedures related to these issues. The committee will report to the Faculty Senate meeting on April 7, 2010. Elaine Martin, Sandy Norton, Robert Orrange, and Willard Zink volunteered to serve on the committee. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. UNIV Courses

A committee will be formed to create recommendations about these courses.

IX. Higher Pay for GAs – Tim Brewer

Marti Bombyk introduced and Jamin Eisenbach seconded a motion, "Whereas compensation for graduate assistants at EMU has not increased in the last five years, and whereas EMU's graduate assistants are compensated significantly less than at most of our peer institutions, the Faculty Senate supports the Graduate Council's three proposals to increase compensation for graduate assistants." The first would pay program fees as part of the GA reward. The second would increase the stipend, and the third would provide for scholarship funds (health insurance, money for books and supplies). The motion passed (27-1-0).

X. Safety Concerns – Matt Evett

There are concerns about safety, and a better process for reporting safety concerns needs to be found. A motion to request action by the Facilities Committee was moved by Daryl Barton and seconded by David Crary. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Defining Faculty Input

There is a committee in the Bargaining Council which deals with this. Matt Evett, Ethan Lowenstein, and Elaine Martin will meet together to create a definition of formal and informal input.

XII. "Eastern Energy Committee" – Matt Evett

Ted Coutilish rejected the request for a more descriptive name for the committee and for more than one faculty representative on this committee of about 30 people. Therefore the FSEB suggested that no faculty member be appointed to this committee, and the motion that "*The Faculty Senate declines to appoint anyone to the Eastern Energy Committee*" passed with 18 votes in favor.

XIII. Appointments to Search Committees

Faculty representatives to the IRIM Search Committee and to the Grad Dean Search Committee will be appointed at the next Faculty Senate meeting. Those interested

should let both Matt Evett and his/her senator know and provide them with a paragraph indicating why they are interested and what their skills for the position are.

XIV. Continuous Improvement for Administrators – Margrit Zinggeler

Survey Monkey with encryption has been ordered, and this year the deans will be evaluated. Margrit will check the MOU and the original motion in order to determine whether people are evaluated every year as faculty are, or every three years as department heads are. The EMU president, provost and the dean of Extended Programs have not yet been in place for three years, and a dean for the graduate school still has to be selected.

XV. Provost Report – Provost Kay

Input is sought on the 2010-2011 spending in the division. The “Above Base” funding could be used for the increased pay of GAs. The provost has asked the deans and department heads to provide feedback by Feb. 12. He would like to have Faculty Senate feedback by February 19. Many of the needs already are clear, but they need to be prioritized. Marti Bombyk pointed out that it is important that department level input, for example from the departmental finance committee, also be obtained.

Given the economic condition of the state, how to handle a 3% decrease in funding needs to be determined. Both the provost and President Martin believe that across-the-board cuts are unwise.

XVI. Dates of the Next Meetings

The dates for the next Faculty Senate meetings are 2/17, 3/17, 4/7, 4/21 if necessary, 5/19 (tentative) and 6/16 (tentative).

Respectfully submitted,
Alida Westman

Present: R. Woods (AAS); M. Rahman (ACC); J. Myers (ART); J. Eisenbach (BIO); L. Kolopajlo (CHEM); D. Chou (CIS); S. McCracken (CMTA); M. Evett (COSC); D. Crary (ECON); S. Norton (ENGL); J. Texter (ENGIN TECH); C. Mayda (GEO/GEOL); M. Higbee (HIS/PHIL); P. Francis (L & C); J. Nims (LIBRARY); K. Banerji (MGMT); D. Barton (MKT); W. Zink (MUSIC & DANCE); P. Koehn (PHY/AST); E. Martin (PLS); A. Westman (PSY); R. Orrange (SAC); V. Howells (SHS); L. Stevens (SPED); C. Haddad (STS); M. Bombyk (SWK); E. Lowenstein (TED); S. Gray (WGST); M. Zinggeler (WORLD LANGUAGES)

Ex-Officio: J. Kay (PROVOST)

Guest: P. Smith (CHAIR OF THE PARKING COMMITTEE); K. Pittsley (REP ON PARKING COMMITTEE); J. Dieterle (CHAIR OF COLLEGE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF CAS); T. Brewer (CHAIR OF GRAD COUNCIL); G. Larcom (COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA RELATIONS)

Absent: HPHP; MTH; NURSING