

Faculty Senate Minutes

(approved 12/4/2024)

Session 6

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

3:15-5:15 pm (zoom)

Attendance: Marilyn Corsianos, Jessica Elton, Michael McVey, Tim Brewer, Daryl Barton, Bill Welsh, Sarah Walsh, Susan Bushinski, Daniel Foster, Caren Putzu, Bill Marino, Peter Bednekoff, Svetlana Beilfuss, Mary Ramsey, Phil Cardon, Dyann Logwood, Marshall Thomas, Brandon Alberts, Monica Millian-Serna, Kunal Banjeri, Suzanne Gray, Brian Bruya, Becca Spragg, Solange Simoes, Ron Flowers, Lidia Lee, Tierney McCleary, Stephen Jefferson, Rhonda Longworth, Anke Wolbert, Ourania Spantidi

I. **Call to Order** – 3:17

II. **Approval of the Agenda** 11/20/2024

Motioned by Barton, Seconded by Welsh, Approved 20-0-1

III. **Approval of the Minutes:** [11/06/2024](#)

Motioned by Welsh, Seconded by Brewer, Approved 17-0-4

IV. **Open Forum**

Corsianos gave a brief update regarding the Shared Governance presentation to the Board of Regents (BOR). Noted that she shared Dr. Bahls' report with BOR, and presenters included Corsianos, Elton, Welsh, Spragg, Kirkpatrick, and Graves. The FSEB will work on a spreadsheet for input items, as well as ideas for what an input matrix might look like.

V. **Appointments and Elections** (Elton)

Affirm - Michael McVey to serve on the Director of Program Administration and Assurance Search Committee

No further nominations, McVey elected: 24- 0- 1

Ongoing Vacancies - Please encourage your colleagues to self-nominate

- Standing Committee Chair - CAIARE (must be a Faculty Senate Rep or Alternate) -

[Nomination Form](#)

- Strategic Enrollment Committee - 1 faculty member from CHHS) - [Nomination Form](#)

- CAIARE - 2 openings (from any college) for 2-year terms (starting F2024) - [Nomination Form](#)

- Educational Environment and Facilities Committee – 2 Openings (1 faculty member from COE, 1 faculty member from CHHS - [Nomination Form](#))
- Graduate Council 1 opening in CHHS (SW/HS) for 2-year term (appointed by CHHS CAC)

VI. Provost's Update

-Microcredentials- [Microcredential Trends](#)

Provost shared a slide presentation and asked the faculty to look at it and we will discuss it at a later meeting.

-update on combined undergrad/grad program proposals submitted

If your department knows that you've submitted a proposal for a combined program but you haven't heard back yet, please contact Rhonda Longworth and Doris Fields.

-update on AVP for Graduate Studies and Research

Departments are in the process of voting on Tenure for the three candidates, and the provost has an offer out and hopes to announce the new hire soon.

-update on Bookstore's "inclusive access"

The bookstore added this option and Longworth is following up on this actively and hopes to have clearer communication regarding this in the future.

-Gen Ed Review (3-year plan) (Gen Ed committee will present to FS on December 4)

A presentation will be made at the December 4 FS meeting.

-Final draft of the **Provost's Strategic Steering Plan** (with Mary Ramsey)

[Strategic Planning slides](#)

The provost presented the strategic plan for Academic Affairs, thanking committee members, especially Mary Ramsey. She outlined the plan's purpose: aligning academic offerings with community needs, identifying research priorities, ensuring future success, and supporting innovation. The goal is to guide decision-making and growth. Key aspects of the university's mission, vision, and values were reviewed, along with progress and next steps. The plan aims to build EMU's distinctive identity, attract like-minded individuals, and support their success.

Five key areas guide the plan: 1) Academic Excellence, 2) Student Well-Being and Success, 3) Impactful Research, 4) Inclusive Excellence, and 5) Community Engagement. EMU needs to assess academic quality, improve graduate employability, and publicize student and alumni success. The provost focused on Areas 1 and 2, briefly covered Areas 4 and 5, and emphasized past task forces' influence on Inclusive Excellence and the importance of community partnerships. Faculty Senate members were encouraged to review the forthcoming PowerPoint slides and provide feedback.

The process for providing feedback will involve the university community (faculty, lecturers, etc.).

Next Steps: Take the strategic plan document and share it with colleagues, discuss it, and then share feedback through the process that will be identified by FSEB going forward.

VII. New Business

A. University Presidential Search

[-DRAFT - EMU presidential search](#)

President Smith will retire next year, and the BOR is discussing the search process. Corsianos emphasized the Faculty Senate's need to send a statement to the BOR about the search type. She read a draft statement for a hybrid search and requested feedback from FS reps.

Motioned made (Barton) to approve the statement as written, Seconded (Banjeri)

Discussion followed regarding the benefits of a hybrid approach (as opposed to open or closed).

Amendments were made and language was revised to capture these.

Motion to approve statement with amended language carries: 24-0-0

B. Committee Reports:

Faculty Issues (Welsh)

The Ronald Collins Award application process is now open. You can access that through ORDA website or the link in the email announcement. Nominations and applications are open for uploading. If you won this in the past, Welsh will be in touch to ask for your help reviewing this year's applicants.

VIII: Old Business

1. Follow-up questions from Assoc. Provost Jim Carroll's FS presentation

[-FY25 Fall presentation - Faculty Senate](#)

[- Follow-up Questions for Jim Carroll](#)

Based on feedback from FS members and FSBRC members, Corsianos compiled a list of questions to share with Jim Carroll, who will be attending the December 4th meeting. If you have additional questions, please send those to Corsianos.

IX. Announcements:

- A. Next Faculty Senate is scheduled for **Wed. December 4 (3:15 to 5:15 pm) Room 247 McKenny**

- B. Next presentation to BOR December 5 - "Faculty Community Outreach projects"

Presenters: Dr. Bill Welsh - *The Geospatial Technologies Talent Consortium*

Dr. Katy Greenwald - *Active Learning in Environmental Science and Conservation*

Dr. Imandeep Grewal and Ms. Johnnetta Ricks - *NEXT SCHOLARS: Learn and Teach with love for community*

Motion to Adjourn by Welsh, Seconded by Banjeri – Approved (Adjourn at 5:15)