

UNIVERSITY FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES – MEETING TWELVE

April 4, 2007, 3 – 5 p.m.

Student Center

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487-0196

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

II. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes of March 21, 2007

The minutes were approved with a correction. Sandra Nelson (CHHS) was appointed as a representative, and not as an alternate, to the University Retention Committee.

IV. Appointments

A. University Retention Committee

Virginia Harder (COE) was appointed.

B. General Education Sub-Committees

Assessment

Sandra Nelson (CHHS) was appointed.

Vetting for Global Awareness

Chris Mayda (CAS) and David Leopard (COT) were appointed.

C. Continuing Education Advisory Council

Daryl Barton was appointed to continue to serve for another 2-year term.

V. Election of the UFC President

Daryl Barton was nominated during the last meeting by Margrit Zinggeler. During this meeting, Marty Bombyk nominated Russ Larson and David Clifford nominated Sally McCracken for president. The nominations were seconded and accepted by the nominated candidates.

VI. Update: Course Substitution (Equivalency) Policy when a Student Transfers to EMU

Course substitution (equivalency) is decided on a course by course basis by the department involved at EMU. An individual faculty member can not decide for which course at EMU a course taken elsewhere can substitute.

VII. Guest: Mike Erwin, Acting Associate VP for Student Affairs

A. Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) – There are very strict requirements for releasing information about a student. New tenure-track faculty members and lecturers need to be informed about these requirements. Mike Erwin requested that University Faculty Council create a list of questions and concerns with respect to FERPA, so that these can be addressed. A handout can be created, information can be posted on the website, and the information can be mentioned at an Academic Affairs Divisional Leadership Meeting.

B. FERPA with respect to the student death on campus and the student arrested in relation to this. The FERPA standards clearly limit the information which can be made available about these students.

VIII. Resolution Concerning the Fact-Finder's Report

The following resolution was approved unanimously (30-0-0).

The lack of a current faculty contract jeopardizes the success of Eastern Michigan University. Entering into a binding faculty contract without any further delay is critical to the health and healing of the institution.

Therefore: The University Faculty Council strongly urges and expects that the EMU-AAUP, the administration and the Board of Regents will accept the fact-finder's report in its entirety and immediately enter into a binding agreement between the EMU-AAUP and the administration of Eastern Michigan University.

IX. Resolution from the Teacher Education Department

The meeting moved into executive session, and after the executive session, the following resolution was approved (22-2-3).

WHEREAS: The tragic death of a student was a significant event at Eastern Michigan University, and

WHEREAS: The statements issued by the administration of Eastern Michigan University throughout the initial period of the investigation into her death have caused confusion and the perception that the administration of the University did not fully inform the public;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The University Faculty Council calls upon the Board of Regents to act on the result of the Department of Education investigation. If procedures have failed us, those procedures must be revised. If individuals within the University have failed in the responsibilities entrusted to them, those individuals must be dealt with severely.

X. Other Topics:

A. Liz Broughton announced that the women's gymnastic team has been extremely successful.

B. E-mail problems. Spam is filtered by content and by sending the e-mail back to the server and asking for a resend. There are timing problems, and this leads to late appearance of mail. This is not an easy problem to solve for ICT.

XI. Announcements

A. Academic Affairs Divisional Leadership Meeting, Thursday, April 12, 9 – 10:30 Student Center Ballroom B.

B. Noel-Levitz Retention Visit, Wednesday April 11, 3:30 – 4:45 Student Center or Thursday April 12, 10:45 – noon, Student Center Auditorium. This is an external firm hired to assess EMU's enrollment.

C. Clarification from Janice Stroh, VP for Business and Finance. The \$60 million mentioned as cash balance when she came to University Faculty Council should be seen within a cycle of cash on hand. It is higher after students pay tuition in January and August and is lowest in July.

XII. Future Meetings and Locations.

A. The **THIRTEENTH** UFC meeting for the 2006-2007 Academic Year will be held on April 18, 2007, 3 – 5 p.m. on the third floor of the Student Center.

B. The **ELEVENTH UFC Executive Board** meeting will be held on April 11, 2007, 3 – 5 p.m., in the University Faculty Council office.

C. The Spring meeting dates are May 16 and June 20, the third Wednesdays in May and in June, respectively.

D. University Faculty Council minutes, documents, committee reports, etc., are posted on the website, www.emich.edu/facultycouncil

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alida Westman

Present: M. Rahman (ACC); V. Okafor (AFS); M. Reedy (ART); J. Eisenbach (BIOL); R. Nord (CHEM); S. McCracken (CTA); I. Ahmad (CIS); J. Rice (ECON); J. Texter (ENGIN TECH); R. Larson (ENG); M. Zinggeler (FLABS); B. Jones (GEO/GEOL); D. Clifford (HEALTH SCI); S. Levine (HPHP); L. Watson (HIS/PHIL); E. Broughton (L & C); L. Klopfer (Library); K. Banerji (MGMT); D. Barton (MKT); J. Jones (MATH); J. R. Smith (MUS/DANCE); G. Rubinfeld (NURS); D. Jacobs (PHY/AST); A. Lottie (PLS); A. Westman (PSY); R. Orrange (SAC); L. Lee (SPED); M. Bombyk (SWK); P. Williams-Boyd (TED); P. Becker (TECH STUDIES); S. Norton (WMST)

Ex-Officio: D. Loppnow (PROVOST AND VP FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS)

Guests: M. Erwin (ACTING ASSOCIATE VP FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS).

Absent: COSC