

UNIVERSITY FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES – MEETING THIRTEEN

April 18, 2007, 3 – 5 p.m.

Student Center

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**I. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m.

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved with an addition under “Other.”

**III. Approval of the Minutes of April 4, 2007**

The minutes were approved.

**IV. Appointments**

The following appointments were made unanimously.

**A. General Education Sub-Committees.**

i. **Assessment – COE:** Toni Stokes-Jones

ii. **Vetting: CAS (Social Sciences):** Donna Killingbeck

iii. **Vetting: CAS (Humanities):** Elisabeth Daumer

**B. Faculty Marshals – two marshals for the afternoon ceremony**

Linda Lewis-White (COE) and Roberta Faust (CHHS)

**V. Letter of Support/Expression of Sympathy to Virginia Tech Faculty Senate**

UFC President Daryl Barton wrote a letter of support. After a few modifications, the letter was unanimously approved, and Daryl Barton indicated that she would send it promptly.

**VI. Election of the UFC President**

Russ Larson was elected to be the next University Faculty Council president (22-7-1).

**VII. E-mail issues and concerns – Pam Becker**

Pam Becker outlined some of the major problems. Faculty provided feedback. An online questionnaire is available and will continue until there are 300 respondents.

The following resolution was proposed by Matt Evett and unanimously approved.

WHEREAS: E-mail communication between faculty and students is critical to the educational process, and

WHEREAS: This communication is often hampered by the current disk quota for faculty,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The University Faculty Council urges that the administration immediately allocates sufficient resources to increase the e-mail quota to a minimum of 2 gigabytes for each faculty member.

**VIII. Posting Student Evaluations of Courses Online – Sandy Norton**

**The proposal** is that the first two questions, the core questions evaluating the course and the instructor, be posted online as an antidote to websites such as Rateyourprofessors.com.

**Representatives are asked to discuss this with the faculty they represent.**

This is a union issue, and the recommendations need to be sent on to the union.

**IX. Discussion of the Proposed Resolution from Biology.**

Council moved into executive session, and thereafter voted 23-2-1 to table the motion to continue discussion during the May meeting.

**X. Other**

**A. ICT 2006 – Technology Needs Analysis Report – Lisa Klopfer**

Pam Becker will head an ad hoc committee, so that reactions to the report are made known to ICT

**B. Moment of Silence**

Students are engaging in a day of silence in order to indicate the plight of homosexuals, bisexuals, and transvestites who are increasingly silenced and discriminated against.

**XI. Future Meetings and Locations.**

**A.** The **May UFC** meeting will be held on May 16, 2007, and the **June UFC** meeting on June 20, 2007, 3 – 5 p.m. on the third floor of the Student Center.

**B.** University Faculty Council minutes, documents, committee reports, etc., are posted on the website, [www.emich.edu/facultycouncil](http://www.emich.edu/facultycouncil)

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 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); M. Evett (COSC); J. Rice (ECON); J. Texter (ENGIN TECH); R. Larson (ENG); M. Zinggeler (FLABS); S. Rutherford (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. Rubenfeld (NURS); D. Jacobs (PHY/AST); A. Lottie (PLS); A. Westman (PSY); R. Orange (SAC); L. Lee (SPED); M. Bombyk (SWK); P. Becker (TECH STUDIES); S. Norton (WMST)

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

**Guests:** M. D. Wong (GRADUATE COUNCIL)

**Absent:** TED