

Minutes for Faculty Senate

November 17, 2010

3:00-5:00PM, Welch 205

1. (3:00) Approval of agenda - approved
2. (3:05) Approval of the minutes of the 10/20/10 meeting

Approved as amended, 2 abstentions

3. (3:10) Student Faculty Senate President Antonio Cosme
What SG does:

- Established student org meetings
- Registered students to vote
- Started a service grant for student service in community
- NYTimes readership program
- Sit on University committees

New initiatives:

- Diversity initiative, including a January summit on diversity
- Concerns with the faculty course evaluation, including anonymity with regard to written comments
- Club sports council
- "Democracy Wall"
- Working towards university-run voter registration
- Civics element added to General Education
- Proposal to increase academic advising within departments

4. (3:20) Appointments
Positions to fill
 - a. Search Committee for Interim Associate Provost and Assistant Vice President for Research (1) (Matt Evett, COSC)
 - b. Gen Ed, Course Vetting
 - i. COT (Guy Downs)
 - ii. Social Sciences
 - c. Gen Ed, Writing Intensive
 - i. COT (Pam Speelman)
 - d. Gen Ed, Faculty and Staff Development
 - i. CAS (Brooke Dagnan, CMTA)
 - e. Gen Ed, Assessment:
 - i. CHHS (Sandra Nelson, NURS)
 - f. AQIP Comm. Category 4 (Valuing People -- aka Human Resources) Ed Etter, ACC
 - g. AQIP Comm. Category 1 (Helping Students Learn)
 - h. UBC (2 year term, except where noted)
 - i. CHHS (until F11)

- ii. COE (Michael McVey (PLEASE CONFIRM))
 - iii. COT (Pam Becker, Tech Studies)
 - iv. CAS
 - v. At-large alternate (David Crary, Lidia Lee)
 - i. Student Success Council.
 - i. CAS (John Curran, MATH)
 - ii. COT (Nancy Harbour, Paralegal)
 - iii. COB (Asrat Tessema, Finance)
 - iv. CHHS
 - v. LIB (William Marino, LIB)
5. (3:50) Input into which faculty positions are filled each year [see attachments, “approved faculty search” and “faculty position rankings”]

Concerns raised about an apparent lack of transparency about how the provost decides which faculty positions are to be filled in a given year.

Jack Kay: indicated that there are three criteria used in the development in the lists. Every position is very well justified (by the requesting departments), but there has to be a set number of positions that we can allot. 1) Need as established by enrollment over 5 year period (not looking at prospective enrollment) 2) need as dictated by accreditation 3) programmatic need (including prospective enrollment). “The vast majority of times, those (given) rankings are honored.” Sometimes they are adjusted. If there is a better way to provide feedback, he’s willing to have a dialog. There is no formula, however.

Matt E: Long ago, there was a committee that could provide information to the provost about rankings.

Jack K: not opposed to it, as long as they are not necessarily advocating for their colleges.

Ethan L: Can there be a debriefing after the decision is made?

Jack K: If Deans/Faculty want me to come to a meeting to talk about a decision then I can certainly do that. If people want that to be a regular part of the process, I can take that under advisement.

Mid-February is the timeframe for new requests from departments for new faculty positions.

Jack K: We need more faculty lines.

6. Resolution concerning PH/MJ furniture

Passed, 1 abstention

7. (4:05) Resolution to support the use of digital materials in faculty promotion and tenure applications. [See below]

As this resolution impacts every department, the vote is postponed until the next meeting. The resolution is written as a recommendation – what is written in the DED is binding.

8. (4:20) Provost's Remarks
 - j. Status of searches: Dean of Grad School, ORD director, Dean of COE
 - i. Ad has gone out for GS Dean
 - ii. Search committee for ORD is forming
 - iii. Search firm is assisting the search for COE Dean.
 - k. Inclusion of faculty in the Academic Affairs budgeting process
 - i. Will again hold budget hearings within AA, the first in December. How will faculty be involved? Budget is static, most control at Dean and Department levels.
 - l. MJ/PH furniture
 - m. May have been misinformation involving the COE interim dean search. COE indicated that there was one name only to be considered. Another person was selected, not the one the COE indicated.

9. (4:30) EEFC report [David Crary]

Strong renovations are in both appropriations bills, still needs to get approved. Facilities committee has accepted the classroom technology recommendations for review, will be bringing them to this body in January (perhaps). We did a good job in Fall term at balancing MTWTh classes, not so good for the Winter term. We have too many sections on TTh.

10. (4:40) President's Remarks:
 - n. Distinguished Faculty Awards: www.emich.edu/facultyawards
 - o. Discussion of Program Review at next meeting
 - i. Bob Neely speaking.
 - p. Location of next meeting is back in our normal SC310.
 - i. President Martin will be speaking.

Attendance: P Koehn (P&A); T Brewer (Grad C); H Sachdu (MKT/LAW); M Higbee (H&P); W Tucker (SET); E Lowenstein (TED); J Nims (LIB); E Martin (PLSC); J. Carbone (SHS); W Zirk (MAD); C Day (WL); C Mayda (G&G); M DeBello (NURS); B Winning (BIO); K Kustron (STS); M Evett, (ComSci); L Lee (SpEd); S McCracken (CMTA); S Norton (ENGL); K Saules (PSYCH); M Reedy (ART); P Francis (L&C); Provost Jack Kay (ex officio); L Kolopjlo (CHEM); D Chou (CIS); M Rahman (ACC&FIN); B Orrange (SAC); D Crary (ECON)

Submitted by Patrick Koehn, secretary