

APPROVED Minutes for Faculty Senate – 04-2-2014

[Attendance: M. Rahman (A&F), J. DeMarte (Art), R. Quiel (CMTA), D. Chou (CIS), Z. Bahorski (CS), J. Texter (Eng Tech), Z. Moore (G&G), K. Woodiel (HHPH), M. Bluhm (HS), P. Francis (L&C), R. Baier (Lib), D. Barton (M&L), P. Trewn (Nurs), J. Kullberg (PS), K. Rusiniak (Psych), M. Wedenoja (sp?) (SW), R. Orrange (SAC), P. Smith (Sp Ed), M. McVey (T Ed), R. Fulkert (Tech Std), M. Zinggeler (WL), J. Koolage (H&P), S. Norton (ENG), D. Foster (M & D)]

1. Agenda Approved – unanimous
2. Minutes from 3/19/2014 Approved – after amendments, unanimous
 - a. Changes: Provost’s Shadow: Trevis Harrold
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Gen Ed Review (Koolage)
 - i. Meeting with the Provost’s Office regarding our progress next week.
 - b. LMS Selection Committee (Barton)
 - i. Everything is proceeding very quickly. Things are coming along nicely.
 - c. Computer Refresh (Bahorski)
 - i. See attached. Costs for the computers have gone up, substantially. There is some technical stuff about how to get an upgrade, if it is needed for “business reasons.” Some stuff about managing costs for people who need upgrades.
4. New Business
 - a. Use of EMU Email for Official Correspondence – tabled for next meeting
 - i. Concern: the requirement that emails be read in a timely manner could be problematic, since most Faculty are not on contract in the summer; additional issues arise for the “critical distribution of correspondences” during the summer, when Faculty cannot be bound by such a rule as the above.
 - ii. Sending this to AAUP as well
 - b. Global Engagement Center Mission Statement
 - i. Hard copy in my files
 - ii. Discussion: (1) World Languages? (2) Global MBAs and international “exchange” universities/programs? (3) Recognize our great international scholars (who are better known internationally than locally)? (4) Budget? (5) Generate “Fellows” to help generate global projects?
 - iii. General Response: the center is to support, NOT REPLACE, Faculty, College, and Program level efforts to develop initiatives
 - iv. Re: (5) There is a model for this, consider Academic Service Learning for example
 - v. MOTION: the Faculty Senate supports the GEC mission – approved unanimously
 - c. Concur
 - i. AAUP has addressed a number of our concerns. Several grievances have been filed.
 - ii. There are still copious issues with Concur, its use, the various workarounds, the outsourcing, and workload issues.
 - d. Discussion of Recruitment and Retention

- i. The Faculty to PTL ratio in 100 and 200 level classes appears to strongly swings toward PTLs.
 - ii. It is hard to retain students who are not prepared for College. The Provost's Office has acknowledged this problem and has spoken of the need for remediation.
5. Committee Appointments
 - a. Please encourage Faculty to check that their appointments are correct on the website: <https://www.emich.edu/facultysenate/committee/committee/index.php>
 - b. Please contact our membership secretary if there are omissions, false inclusions, and so on: membership_sec@emich.edu
 - c. It would be a good idea to have all standing committees of the senate to have a charge or charter.
6. Provosts Remarks
 - a. Discussion regarding our "entering" groups of our students in the last few years.
 - i. How many students are using the Writing Center and other such resources that are available?
 - ii. Is the funding for these (above) centers correlated to their use/need?
 - b. Heart Walk is happening! <http://www.emich.edu/calendar/?show=2013W207>
 - c. National search committees for the COE and COT Dean are forthcoming.
7. President's Remarks
 - a. Reminder: check the website for committee membership
 - b. Read the newsletter!