

Eastern Michigan University
Faculty Senate
January 25, 2017
3-5 p.m., 310 A Student Center
Minutes

Present: P. Cardon, Sock Chung, Faust, Myler, Bari, Millan, Carpenter, Rahman, Leon, Edwards, Pawlowski, Barton, Bluhm, Quiel, McVey, McTague, Baier, Neufeld, Hayworth, Pressley-Sanon, Eisenbach, Narayanan, Smith, Rusiniak, Willis, McCleary, Elton, Foster, Smith, Banerji, Higgins
Guests: J Carrol, R Longworth

- I. Review and approval of the agenda - approved
- II. Review of 1-11 minutes - approved
- III. Senate Logistics/infrastructure
 - a. Bylaws amendment/meeting room reservations – See proposed amendment on the ballot (**attached**). Vote passes with 1 abstention.
 - b. Committee elections – Jenny Kindred
Request from Tornquist to form a research design, analysis and support committee. (See description, **attached**.) Sam Shen CAS, You Li CAS, Joseph Scazzero COB, Elizabeth Bucciarelli LIB, have been nominated. Ask for reps in other colleges not represented – CHHS, Education, Technology. Accept by acclamation those nominated. Vote passes.

Gen Ed Assessment:

Gen Ed Global awareness: You Li Accepted by acclamation.

GEUS – not filled

Senior Int'l Officer Committee:

Kanal Banerji – vote passes

Computer refresh – still needs CHHS rep

Tech Transfer Committee – still needs COE rep

COE rep - Michael McVey -vote passes

Admissions review committee: 3 nominees

Toni Pressley Sanon - winner

Daren Overpeck

John Cooper

Educational Environment and Facilities Committee

Jessica Elton – CAS Accepted by acclamation.

IV. Committee reports

a. Academic Issues (Moore)

- New call for Academic Affairs Committee

b. Athletic Issues (Faust)

- COIA bylaws approval requests

NCAA has a faculty senate committee. They have 4 specific committees. Overall charge is to make sure educational goals for athletes remain top priority. Final votes by faculty senates are due by Feb. 7. Faust recommends we approved the new bylaws.

c. Budget and Resources (Carpenter)

Report to provost's office will go to Provost this week. Expenses, revenue, student credit hours will be included in the proposed budget. Requested 5 year time frame. Get feedback. Possibly share with FSEB next week.

-FY 2012 to 16

- Lost 36,000 student credit hours
- Revenue is different for different credit hours.
- Gross revenues have increased by \$17 million
- Expenses up by \$3 million
- Public support declined – governor is slightly more supportive than state legislators. Not likely to get more than 3% increase next year. Tuition hike less than 3%.

d. Graduate Council (Higgins)

- GC recommended changes on timelines for capstones. Accepted by Tornquist.
- GC recommends $\frac{3}{4}$ time for GAs. Written response saying no, from Tornquist. Rationale - bureaucratic overburden now, but would consider in the future.
- GC expedited review proposal – GA funding for 3rd year – more than 36 hours for accreditation. Tornquist first approved it and then changed his mind. Provided written rationale for rejection. Rationale is essentially the same as above.
- Course shell for grad council is on the web. All grad coordinators are students in it. There is also a GC website – minutes, agendas, etc.

Sidebar: Let's get this done for all committees. Discuss at FSEB

e. Institutional Issues (Barton) See Barton's report – **(attached)**

- Academic Partners

1. Contract available – Reference to a section C; it was not actually a part of the contract. We have everything. Nothing was omitted, per Provost.
2. Senate- AAUP co-operation
3. Source of faculty input is unclear
4. “Teach-In” info- clearinghouse meeting – Provost -Will provide a resource for information. Agreed to meeting with AAUP. Hours of open time for Provost to listen. Will send a campus message and to department heads tomorrow morning.

Q: What if anything could cause the Admins to break the contract? RL: There are provisions to do this, but that is not the intent now.

RL confirmed that FACs did not have knowledge of the AP. Her position is that it was negotiated at the program level.

Nursing – faculty were concerned they are going to be replaced. RL assured they will not be. Nursing was most concerned about process.

How was this decided and what happened around it?

RL – We are in a capital constrained environment. This is a significant and risky environment. AP assumes early risk. We don't have the capital to do that right now. They invest for a revenue share. Then re-evaluate. Model is appropriate for a limited number of programs.

Q: How will faculty have ability to control quality? RL: We have control over admissions.

Q: List of programs with start dates. BGS degrees. What is implied in the contract is that particular program content is being developed. RL – three concentrations – frequently used concentrations that are in most demand where we accept a lot of transfer. There is no intent to develop curricula. RL – those dates are negotiable. We have to provide 3 by the end of the contract.

Q: Do you agree that the contract affects the working environment of the faculty

RL – I don't.

Q: Timeline

RL – We've been talking with AP for 4 years or more

Q: Competing programs are prohibited?

RL – Defining competition is broad.

Tabled additional questions

- ii. EEFC (Barton)
- iii. KEC/ Fish Lake – Provost is amenable to having a committee on this issue.

- iv. New Faculty hires committee – what is that committee about? Chair has resigned. Charge is to recommend % of new hires that should go to each college.
- v. Distinguished faculty awards – return to this at a future meeting.

f. Student Issues

Code of conduct does not protect students from practicing protests. We are in a situation where when our students engage in civil protest, they have been routed into conduct issues. We don't agree on what protests look like. It is imperative to revisit the student code of conduct that meaningfully addresses the place of protest on our campus. Propose creating a committee to do this.

RL asked Chiara Hensley to set up a committee of students and faculty. She would like to have AVP Hensley come to a future meeting to discuss. Neufeld supports this.

Q: Meanwhile, we have a group of students being brought forward on the problematic code. Let's suspend the current code and re-write the code. **EMU is the only university in the country to sanction students for similar actions going on across campuses nationwide.**

Comment: Urge Provost to ask President to step up and do the right thing.
RL will pass this on to the President.

Administration has siloed itself. There have been no conversations; except for AVP Hensley. Faculty have a lot of expertise and will make it available to admins to solve this problem.

Tabled other matters (mostly) to get to Carroll's presentation.

- i. Banner two-factor authentication
- ii. Chief Heighes meeting
- iii. Student award nominations

g. Technology Issues

- i. Tech support concerns
- ii. Survey being drafted

V. Provost's Report

- a. James Carroll on the budget
Slide presentation (**attached**)

VI. Upcoming Guests (?)

- a. Kevin Kucera
- b. Chief Heighes

Motion to adjourn passes: 5:05 pm