

Eastern Michigan University
Faculty Senate
April 5th, 2017
3-5 p.m., 300 Student Center
Draft Minutes

Present: Quiel, Higgins, McTague, Rahman, Narayanan, Moore, Millan, Carpenter, Baier, Faust, Smith, Hayworth, Pawlowski, Leon, Rusiniak, Kullberg, Neufeld, Bari, Eisenbach, McCleary, McCurdy, Myler, McVey, Tew, Barton, Bluhm, Foster, Woods, Scazzero, Spolans, Elton, Chung, Curran, Cardon, Vivek, Pittsely-Sousa

- I. Review and approval of the agenda (3:05)
- II. Review and approval of 3-15 minutes (3:10)
- III. Senate Logistics/infrastructure
 - A. Committee elections/ballot (3:15)
 - Vacancy for EFC – Rep from COE
 - VP nominations – **Mahmud Rahman**, Daryl Barton
 - Membership Coordinator – Deb Willis
 - Faculty Senate Executive Board Secretary – Minnie Bluhm
 - Academic Integrity Committee – COE (3-year appointment)
 - University Human Subjects Committee – Sema Kalias (COT)
 - Faculty Development Center – Suzanne Gray
 - Ray moved to accept uncontested nominees by acclimation, seconded, unanimous
 - B. Committee clarity (Willis) (3:25)

Updated committee rosters have been made; lists will be provided to committees so they can see who their membership is
 - C. NFH Committee Clarity (3:30)

Needed to elect a chair and meet – uncertain as to whether this happened; Ray will investigate
- IV. Committee reports
 - A. Athletic Issues (Faust) (3:40)
 - New facilities clarity
 - IAAC met – had questions about the fundraising for the facilities; were told that information was leaked to the Free Press; fundraising efforts are in their silent phases – were told that this is past precedent as far as the process (begins silently then becomes public) – cannot say more until after the Board of Regents meets

- \$149K of expenses in the hole from Bowl game – market reach was approximately 1.4 million (viewers)
- Reiterated the demand and student Government letter demanding that student fee money should not go toward athletic facilities but Rec IM improvements – The Rec IM fee is on the table for a revamp (Student Gov rep)

B. Technology Issues (Baier) (3:50)

Take the EduCause survey that went out today; another survey, specific to EMU, will be disseminated by the library soon

C. Student Issues (Rusiniak)(3:55)

Neufeld – passed resolution jointly with Student Gov to request admin join FS and SG to create a forum on inclusion and equity to address longer and urgent goals of underrepresented groups – despite best efforts there has been no communication or response to inquiries, so may need to be postponed until fall

D. Academic Issues (Moore)(4:00)

Update on Global Engagement Council – Shiri Vivek provided a presentation on activities of the Council

Minutes up to this point graciously provided by Jessica Elton

Question raised: Should there be blind review of internal (university funded) grant applications?

This is a matter for the committee to decide i.e., what their review process will look like. Support for blind review process was expressed by some; others note it may not be feasible. University committee (URSLC) has no bylaws, and that’s a problem. Decisions on reviews would go in the bylaws. A matrix would help; we have one that is weighted.

Fish Lake – Off the market!

The Fish Lake advisory group has met three times (2 hours sessions). They have developed a mission statement for the property along with a list of acceptable uses and priorities. The next step is to set goals with measurable outcomes and then roll everything together into a utilization plan to be submitted to the administration. After that, the group will meet with Ted Coutilish (University Marketing) to develop a marketing plan and branding.

Motion to send Provost Longworth a note of congratulations and wishes for a long and productive relationship with EMU and for its betterment. Motion passed with one abstention.

Dean Search – CAS: open forums at 108 Marshall. CVs for candidates will be available beginning tomorrow.

- E. Budget and Resources (Carpenter) (4:05) – Organizations fund their priorities. If that's true, then this **budget document (distributed at the meeting)** will reflect EMU priorities. It is evident how academic affairs fared in this. RC distributed general fund operating budgets over the last three years (Page of Rage). Notably, of all schools in the nation that have athletic programs, we are approximately number 5 in terms of dollars funded from general funds to athletics. Flip side of document is about summer courses. Is the decline due to fewer students taking fewer classes or fewer classes to improve fill rates?

- F. Institutional Issues (Barton)(4:15)
 - Kate Pittsley-Sousa
 - Textbook Alternatives and more

Kate provided a **slide presentation**. It was **sent electronically to all senators**. Students are buying fewer and fewer textbooks because they are too expensive. Corporate producers of textbooks are opportunistic – they want to be leaders in education – not textbook production, and they are going down that road. They are becoming our competitors.

- G. Graduate Council (Higgins) (4:45) – Will report in May.
- V. Adjournment (4:56)

***Next Faculty Senate Meeting May 17, 3-5pm 300 SC**