

**Eastern Michigan University  
Faculty Senate  
May 17, 2017  
3-5pm, 310 Student Center  
Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees: Randal Baier, Kunal Banerji, Daryl Barton, Jamal Bari, Robert Carpenter, Jim Carroll (Office of Provost), Sock Chung, John Curran, Jamie Eisenbach, Jessica Elton, Dan Foster, Perry Francis, Steven Hayworth, Peter Higgins, Sam Jones-Darling (Student Body Senator), Judith Kulberg, Rhonda Longworth (Provost and V.P. Academic Affairs), Monica Millan, Linda Myler, Krish Narayanan, Miles Payne (Student Body President), Toni Pressley-Sanon, Ray Quiel (President), Mahmud Rahman, Brian Spolans, Michael Tew (Office of Provost), Deborah Willis**

- I. Review and approval of agenda-Agenda approved with changes noted below.**  
Athletic issues and Budget and Resources flipped in committee reports  
#6 Announcements added
  
- II. Review and approval of 4/5 minutes**  
Minutes sent out electronically and approved.
  
- III. Senate Logistics**  
Committee ballot with vacancies distributed. Global engagement committee needs faculty representatives from CAS and COE for this committee.. Recommendation made for description of global engagement to be included on the ballot. Recommended to send out follow up email to faculty in each department in late August.  
Shri Vivak nominated for Global engagement committee.
  
- IV. Provost Report**
  - A. Budget- Jim Carroll presented EMU General Fund Budget Structure report including rationales and structural issues. Highlights included:
    - Budget generated from students, state funding and other sources (5%). Working on simplifying fee structure (ie. no program fees in the graduate program).
    - Student credit hours have dropped significantly over the last 6 years. Questions related to Pell grants, sections being cancelled in the summer. Declining enrollment trends in the summer are similar to other public universities. EMU. EMU forecast of credit hours lower than actual budget each year. (2018 prediction of 480,000 credit hours)

- State appropriation and funding gap continues as state funding continues to remain low.
- Increasing financial aid continues to be the model to attract students' vs discounting tuition.
- Athletics not in the general fund previously but is now. Athletic scholarships are included in financial aid budget.
- General fund budget: utilities increased due to buying electricity from DTE this year, number of faculty consistent across years/university as a whole, public safety staff increased
- Academic and student affairs-individual college budgets look significantly different. Some colleges have had no increase (COT), others have increased (CHHS). Escalators are in place for the IT budget and the library since 2016.
- Question related to computer lab availability and budgeting. Recommended to be placed on the EFC agenda in the fall. Student government president stated student concerns for increased lab access.
- Department budget numbers discussed. The Provost cautioned use of numbers because some colleges will always have negative revenues due to operating costs.

- B. HLC-Institutional site visit in the Fall. HLC will visit at the end of October. Surveys to be sent prior to the visit. Asked to encourage student and faculty participation. It has been between 17-18 years since last full site visit. Faculty qualifications review component now a part of the assessment: recent syllabi on file will be requested. Asking Senators to tell faculty in each department that this request is university wide and directly related to the accreditation process.
- C. Grade grievance-Ombuds office has created committee to review and clarify the policy. A draft of the new policy will be presented to the Senate in the fall.

**V. Committee Report**

- A. Budget and Resources-2017 Annual Report presented with seven recommendations. Budget report approved unanimously to be sent out to University.
- B. Technology Issues-Faculty survey completed and to be distributed in the fall. Issue in Pray-Harold related to the screen discussed. It was recommended to email the Dean with Provost office to follow up.
- C. Student Issues-no report
- D. Academic Issues-no report
- E. Athletic Issues-Search continuing for the AD
- F. Institutional Issues-Fish Lake meeting occurred. Committee meets again in June.

G. Graduate Council-Student Advisory committee started and students drafting bylaws. Some thesis manual changes not approved such as thesis deadline submission date change. GA allocation process in non-college units were initially proposed to be cut, discussion ensued and GA lines are now not to be cut. GA lines will be available in the fall.

VI. Announcements

Sophia Mendez will be leaving as she is going to graduate school out of state.

June 14<sup>th</sup>- next Faculty Senate meeting

Adjournment at 5pm