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***Faculty Senate Minutes (Approved 9/25/19)***

**Session 1**

3.00—5.00 pm    September 11, 2019    270 Student Center

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Present: Pressley-Sanon, Reedy, Judd, Edwards, Dagnan, Evett, Hayworth, Neufeld, Welsh, McMahon, Curran, Peavler, Pawlowski, Waltz, Staunton, Millan, Spragg, Mistry, Trewn, Saldanha, Rahman, Chou, Banerji, Barton, Leon, Lee, Carpenter, Mannari, Ferdousi, Kustron, Becker, Braun Marks.

Non Voting: Gray, Longworth, Tew, Kullberg, Carpenter, Smith

- I.        **Call to Order** 3:06 pm
- II.       **Approval of the Agenda** 3:07 pm
- III.      **Approval of the Minutes: 05-15-2019\*** 3:08 pm

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1GJFzUi8Rk4kXLdXrhKAX2Gw9P4HYvTv>

No changes noted, 15 yes, 8 abstentions

IV.      **Appointments**

A.      **Committee Appointments** (both candidates approved unanimously)

- i.      **Writing Intensive Vetting COE: Rhonda Kraii, Special Education**
- ii.     **University Budget Council COB: Bob Okopny, Accounting**

B.      **Senate Executive Board**

- i.      **Secretary: Nominations from floor** (No nominations were made, Ken Saldana volunteered to take minutes for this meeting only)
- ii.     **Academic Issues Chair: Andrea Zakrajsek, Health Sciences** (unanimously approved)

V.       **Discussions**

- A.      **Approval of Faculty Senate Budget and Resource Committee Report (Carpenter)\*** 3:20pm
- <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1LKoFrcsYMa29e0L2EclFZsrWe7hI4KVz>

-Carpenter highlighted the recommendations in the report, emphasizing that the last one was proactive.

-Senate voted unanimously to affirm the budget report and approved its dissemination

- B.      **First Reading: Resolution on Athletic Complex Capital Improvements\*** 3:40pm
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YVNawat6ZzbeNoSwtwWJ1HUQCF8SfDcHKne7fZwBo/>

- The body viewed a video of the EMU football team as they experienced the Student Athlete Performance Center for the first time.

- Discussion followed related to athletics and marketing EMU in general. Hits on the EMU website increase following television coverage of football games. Considered whether it would be useful to invite the athletic director to come to an upcoming Senate meeting, and to whom the resolution might be sent if it passes.

- 12.25% of tuition and fees are used to support athletics
- Transparency about where this money came from is needed
- Issue of whether the University has a policy on naming facilities for donations from individuals/corporations was raised
- Senate agreed to move it to a second reading at the 9/25 meeting, and that if it is approved, sharing both the budget report and the resolution with the Regents is desirable

**C. Update from workgroup on summer term (Kullberg) 4:00pm**

- A task force of administrators and faculty is being formed to study summer enrollment in response to the EMU-AAUP's concern raised with administration about cancelled summer classes. Because the administration was unwilling to pay faculty for this work during the summer, the work will begin this fall. Kullberg requested that senate representatives consider participating and encourage other faculty to do so.
- EMU-AAUP is also seeking volunteers for Workforce Equivalency Committee and Salary Equity Committee

**D. Senate Goal Setting 2019-2020 (Gray) 4:10pm**

- Tabled until 9/25 meeting

**VI. Provost's Minutes 4:40 pm**

- Visited all but 2 colleges and shared the same themes.
- 2019 Budget was a challenge but we came in almost closed to balance on the positive side for the second time in a row.
- For 2020 Budget, the VERIP was the way moving forward to balance it.
- Enrollment continues to be daunting. We estimated we'd be down 9% when building the budget, however, Friday's count indicates we are down about 7 to 7.5% in enrollment.
- We have to still think about retention.
- We need to think of the quality of institution and marketing.
- Perhaps a strategic enrollment committee could be set up at the next meeting.
- One of the Provost's goals is to do an economic impact statement of what EMU does in the community.

**VII. Announcements 4:55 pm**

**A. Meeting topic/call for participation 10/25 Board of Regents Meeting:**

*Faculty engagement in student recruitment*

**B. Faculty Advisory Board on Campus Housing**

**C. Photographer 9/25 Senate Meeting**

- Rob Carpenter was nominated by Senate and selected for the MAC Academic Leadership Development Program
- The deadline to move to DUO authentication is October 4.

**VIII. New Business**

**IX. Adjourn 5:03 pm**