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Approved Minutes for Faculty Senate Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 2015
3-5pm, 300 Student Center

(* indicates item to take to department colleagues)

Attending: Moeller, Rahman, Pancioli, Eisenbach, Chou, Quiel, Hayworth, Eydgahi, Norton, Moore, Higbee, Tout, Francis, Banerji, Barton, Foster, Trewn, Koehn, Kullberg, Rusiniak, Orrange, Bombyk, Smith, McVey, Majeske, Millan

1. [3 :05] Agenda approval
 - a. Motion to remove 4.a.C (BA/BS) (7y, 9n, 4a)
2. [3:10] Approval of minutes from FS meeting, 4/15/15 (see attached).
 - a. approved
3. [3:15] Visitor: Chiara Hensley, Ombuds, on syllabi
 - a. (Bob Heighs) Gave thanks to Sandy Norton and others for help with the American Sniper talks
 - A. DPS tracks all crime stats on campus. (bar chart provided), overall crime is down
 - B. Q: How about fraud? A: Not many, 4-5. Will forward information.
 - C. Comment: "Timely Warnings" make the campus seem unsafe. A: Clearly requires on-campus notifications, but they do report for area off campus. Comment: We err on the side of caution and transparency.
 - b. (Chiara Hensley) Office is trying to empower faculty to take back control via their syllabi. Powerpoint handed out and sent to Sandy.
 - A. Syllabi Support Link:
 - (1) Faculty must provide students with clear and explicit expectations.
 - (2) Discussion of syllabi are important. Every instructor has their own syllabus. Some only want conversation during office hours, others are willing to do otherwise. Enforcement of policies need to be in the syllabus. Manage classroom etiquette through the syllabus. Indicate preferred method method for communication.
 - (3) The Ombuds office does not handle notification of absences. Students are supposed to do that, except in extreme circumstances. It is at the discretion of the faculty member to excuse an absence. Q: Does the university have an absence policy? A: Only for religious reasons. Q: Does the University have a list of approved religious holidays? A: No.
 - (4) Verification: Student Well Being will perform verification if necessary and will contact the instructor.
 - (5) Considerations: Syllabus should have an absence policy. Q: Can faculty stipulate how much participation a student must do in order to receive a grade? A: Absolutely. Q: Is there a link on the website to take the student to the appropriate place? A: Not yet. Q: What if something happens that is not covered on the syllabus? Q: It is the instructor's way or the highway. It can become a nightmare for the instructor. There is no list of rules somewhere. Comment: There should be some sort of baseline mechanism in extreme cases. A: The only thing to offer the student at the moment is the syllabus.
4. [3:35] Committee Reports
 - a. [3:35] Academic Issues
 - A. Global Engagement Council (Judith Kullberg) *

- (1) Been conducting inventory, and report is 80% done.
 - (2) 492 participants, sample is statistically valid such that the report can generalize to the rest the university population
 - (3) Employee population has a very high level of international competence..
Majority of faculty have some sort of international background. There is also a high level of study abroad experience in our employees, especially faculty.
There is also a wide range of languages (53) spoken at EMU. Faculty and staff have also traveled abroad extensively, 91%. Conclusion – the argument that the faculty made at the BOR meeting is true, and true beyond what they expected to find. An International Center is needed, will generate benefits for the University, and the faculty support it.
 - (4) Interviewed deans and department heads. Internationalization is happening slowly in a variety of departments. Nothing has been institutionalized.
 - (5) Number of international students is increasing between 5% and 8% nationally. Ours numbers are flat.
 - (6) Q: Can you add comparison data from other institutions, and any dimension of international programs to local economies.
 - (7) Report will be sent electronically to faculty before being submitted to Provost/BoR.
- B. Gen Ed Review Committee (see below) (Sandy Norton) *
- (1) Attached is an e-mail from Chris Foreman.
 - (2) John Koolage: External reader is reading it for its ability to be understood.
 - (3) Lots of good recommendations.
- b. [3:40] Faculty Senate Budget Committee (David Crary) *
- A. Report recommendations *
- (1) End of year support submitted for approval by the Senate. Report is approved by acclamation.
 - (2) Revision of the FSBRC charter *
 - (a) There are a couple of changes to the charter. IN the last two years, we've had to improvise with regards to the chair. The old charter said that the chair is a department rep to their academic unit. The new charter says that the Senate can appoint a chair that may not have to be a Senate member. Motion passes.
 - (b) FTIACs are up, transfers are down, we **might see a slight growth in student numbers.**
- c. [3:55] Institutional Issues
- A. Canvas (Daryl Barton & Sandy Norton) *
- (1) Emphasized looking at the migrated courses ASAP, as the migration was not perfect. There is a fair amount of work to get even text-based courses ready to go. Video files and test bank questions posed a problem for the migration.
 - (a) Large number of people approaching the Union with workload issues.
 - (b) Q: Is this a workload issue? A: Was there official input to the provost? A: Yes, in the form of the recommendation of Canvas.
 - (c) Please try to get the faculty to go check their courses.
 - (d) Requested a motion to request an extension of the contract of eCollege.
- B. Education Summit report (Sandy Norton) *
- ~~C. BA/BS Faculty Committee (Sandy Norton) *~~
- D. New Faculty Hires Report (Patrick Koehn)*
- (1) Report approved.
- d. [4:05] Student Issues (Ray Quiel)
- A. Constitution of the Student Leader Group *

- B. Student Issues on Campus *
- e. [4:15] Athletics (Rob Orrange)
 - A. Postponement to fall of MAC faculty leaders' meeting (Sandy Norton) *
 - (1) Postponed because leadership in in flux through the spring, and fall might be more stable.
 - B. Letter to the editor: NY Times (Judith Kullberg) *
 - C. COIA Statement
 - (1) COIA (Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics) is asking Faculty Senates to support congressional bill that requests a blue ribbon commission related to the conduct of intercollegiate athletics.
 - (2) Page 2 has very important language that spells out the concerns of the COIA.
 - (3) Other pages have important information.
 - (4) The faculty at Rutgers came out with a motion asking for the athletic program to be self-sustaining within 5 years.
 - (5) Editorial points to major donors that provide money for the university, but also sustain tense relations around athletic funding.
 - (6) Faculty Senates are being asked to pass resolutions concerning this matter. We must have two readings. Can we treat the bill as written as a first reading.
 - (7) Q: Do we need to have an extended resolution or just a short one.
 - (8) Comment: The COIA has asked us to pass what is in bold in the bill.
 - (9) Q: How successful were earlier restructuring attempts? The most recent reorganization may have been an attempt at an end run around earlier efforts.
 - (10) Motion to accept bill as a first reading? Passes
- f. [4:25] Other committee reports *
- 5. [4:30] Provost's Remarks (Provost Schatzel) *
- 6. [4:40] Committee appointments
 - a. See attached ballot * All but FDCA and Judicial Boards approved by acclamation
 - b. Faculty Senate appointment to Presidential Search Committee *
 - A. Sandy Norton appointed by acclamation.
- 7. [4:50] Senate Committee for Evaluation of the Provost *
- 8. [5:00] Adjournment

**The next Faculty Senate Executive Board meeting will be held June 10, 2015 in SC 302, 3-5.
The next full Faculty Senate meeting will be held June 17, 2015 in SC 300 from 3-5.**