Minutes
University of Michigan-Flint Faculty Council
September 24, 2014


L. Alexander called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

The agenda for the meeting was approved.  The minutes of 9/10/2014 were approved with amendments.

CAC/BSP Report:  C. Pearson reported that Chancellor Borrego plans to hold “town hall-like” meetings for the University in late-October/early-November to discuss the UM-Flint Strategic Plan.  Borrego briefly referred to the SON and STEM proposals.  She finds the UM-Flint administration’s governance structure unorganized and uncoordinated.  Borrego also expressed concern that no tracking of Challenge Program students occurs.  A. Lutzker requested that Alexander send to Borrego the reports compiled by the Council re SON and STEM proposals.

AAAC Report:  T. Wrobel reported that S. Lee and K. Hansen presented an overview of the proposed Curriculog software to AAAC.  The 2016-2017 academic calendar was set.

Faculty Council rep to Curriculum Coordination Committee:  The Council approved S. Selig as its representative to the CCC for Fall 2014 and Alexander for Winter 2015.

Meeting with Chancellor Borrego:  The Council will meet with Chancellor Borrego on September 29, 11:00-12:30pm, in the Chancellor’s Conference Room.  She will provide lunch.  Faculty Council would like to know the Chancellor’s assessment of UM-Flint thus far: what needs to improve, her vision, where the faculty’s voice fits into governance.  Faculty Council will share administrator survey data will Chancellor.

V. Prygoski joined the meeting.

Charge to CESF:  Faculty Council discussed the parameters of its charge to the CESF.  The charge will be to investigate why pre-tenured faculty leave UM-Flint.  By December 5, Faculty Council would like to receive an interim report on the CESF findings, and a final report by March 13.  This would allow the CESF time to prepare their annual report to the Governing Faculty.  CESF charge will be drafted by Alexander for circulation to Faculty Council members for approval.

Fall 2014 Governing Faculty meeting:  Dates for a UM-Flint Governing Faculty meeting were discussed.  Alexander will try to find a date for a Fall semester meeting, based on Chancellor’s availability.
AAAUP Guest: S. Lippert joined the meeting to discuss the goals of the UM-Flint chapter of the AAUP.

Matters arising: Wrobel mentioned that in past years the Provost’s Office provided a budget of $5,000 to Faculty Council. Alexander was asked to request Provost’s restoration of budget for Faculty Council.

T. Williams raised a concern re due process at UM-Flint. Faculty Council will invite Beth Manning, Director of Human Resources, to Faculty Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Alexander
Faculty Council Chair