May 22, 2013 Meeting (Retreat) Minutes

Attendance: Lois Alexander, Eric Freedman, Linda Knecht, Adam Lutzker, Vince Prygoski, Ken Schilling, Donald Straube, Ted Williams (Fred – SOM), Kathleen Woehrle

The meeting was called to order at 9:10am by Chair Vince Prygoski.

Report on Recent Activities: Outgoing Chair Ken Schilling summarized the April 19th UM-Flint Governing Faculty meeting. A joint proposal from Student Government and the Office of Extended Learning regarding student course evaluations was approved by the faculty.

Two Faculty Code amendments were passed by a majority vote of the Governing Faculty. The first created a Committee on Undergraduate Admission Standards and the second created a Faculty Advisory Committee on University Outreach and Engagement.

In response to faculty concerns – raised in the April 19th Governing Faculty meeting – about an improper process for selecting the Winegarden Visiting Professorship recipient for 2013-2014, Provost Voland then formed a faculty committee charged with selecting recipients of the Winegarden Visiting Professorship in 2013-2014 and 2014-2015, respectively.

The Faculty Council is working toward addressing concerns related to shared/faculty governance.

A protocol regarding disruptive students is being established.

2012-2013 Recap: in addition to the items above,

- Ken summarized the actions and report of the Committee on the Economic Status of the Faculty.
- The Faculty Council held its first meeting with the Staff Council; the Faculty Council will meet with the Staff Council once each year.
- President Coleman visited the UM-Flint campus and met with the Faculty Council (and many others) regarding the reappointment of Chancellor Person.

Administrator Evaluations/Surveys: the Faculty Council discussed the process of presenting the results of UM-Flint administrator evaluations/surveys to the administrators affected.

Accreditation – Higher Learning Commission: the Council discussed the process for determining UM-Flint’s “Quality Initiative.” The process is the following: the Provost
will announce at the August Faculty Convocation that this is a major task that will be accomplished in an atmosphere of shared governance. A week in September will be dedicated to soliciting ideas for the Quality Initiative. Brown bag/cloth bag conversations will be held in September for the purpose of comparing and contrasting initiatives put forward for consideration. A Governing Faculty meeting will be held during the first week in October to host the vote to select an Initiative.

**Shared/Faculty Governance:** the Council discussed shared/faculty governance.

**Goals for 2013-2014:**
- Identify UM-Flint’s Quality Initiative.
- Improve shared/faculty governance via improving communication with administration, among ourselves, with the Chancellor’s Advisory Committee, AAAC, etc. The Faculty Council chair will host a meeting of chairs of the 17 other University-wide standing committees, sharing agendas and minutes. These 17 other committees should report their activities to the Faculty Council each year. Only two of those shared reports with the Faculty Council during the past year. The Faculty Council chair will contact the chairs of these committees and work toward increased communication. At the first Governing Faculty meeting of 2013-2014, the chairs of each of these standing committees will be announced.
- Faculty Council will host a reception for newly-tenured faculty, specifically calling attention to their role in faculty governance.
- Develop a yearly timetable for the process of administrator surveys

The meeting was adjourned at 12:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Alexander