Minutes
University of Michigan-Flint Faculty Council
February 26, 2014


Meeting began at approximately 10:25am.

Discussion of the Chancellor’s/Provost’s intention to move forward the CSE proposal toward presentation to the Regents for approval as recorded in the CAC/BSP minutes of February 21, 2014: FC members discussed concerns about the role of faculty governance in the CSE proposal approval process. It is unclear whether or not the steps followed in the SON proposal process will be followed in the CSE proposal process. It was noted that the Provost did not have any announcements to make in the last AAAC meeting, and it seems that creation of a new school would have been worthy of an announcement. B. Bix reminded FC that the Standing Rules state that such a proposal must be voted on by the Governing Faculty (not necessarily approved by the Governing Faculty). His intention to introduce, at the March 12 CAS Governing Faculty meeting, a second motion on the CSE proposal and faculty governance is for the purpose of promoting discussion, not delaying process.

FC members discussed whether faculty governance should be squeezed to fit deadlines or deadlines to fit governance. An explanation of the steps toward Regental approval was sent out by the Provost only the day before (February 25, 2014). FC agreed that an earlier communication about these would have been helpful.

The motion from K. Schilling (email message of February 25, 2014) was presented and seconded. The motion was to request an FC meeting with Chancellor Person and Provost Voland for the purpose of discussing the role of faculty governance in the SON and CSE proposal processes. The motion was carried (6 in favor and 1 opposed).

FC discussed questions to be asked of Chancellor Person and Provost Voland, and how best to emphasize that a vote of the Governing Faculty is essential to the process.

Meeting ended at approximately 12:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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