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Members Present: Jennifer Alvey, Elizabeth Cunningham, Marquetta Hall, Kui-Bin Im, Nick Kingsley, Dan Lair (Chair), Greg Laurence, Vickie Larsen, Marilyn McFarland, Jie Song, Rie Suzuki

Absent: Doug Knerr, Abdulrahman Salmon

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Dan Lair.

Approval of Minutes ► The minutes of November 29, 2017 were approved.

AAAC Meeting Times ► Discussion was held regarding meeting times for winter 2018. It was decided that 3:30-5:00 p.m. would be best.

Faculty Council Representative ► It was decided that Nick Kingsley would be AAAC’s representative on faculty council for winter 2018.

Proposal for Bachelor of Science in Green Chemistry ► Discussion was held regarding the new proposal, Bachelor of Science in Green Chemistry. A variety of questions were asked such as why not only offer this major and not the others? Two reasons – first we are not willing to sacrifice other chemistry classes. Second the BS in Chemistry is more recognized in the industry. Green Chemistry could cause confusion and there is concern in regards to how students will present this degree on their resumes. Why do the students have to take a political science class? This is a pre-requisite to an environmental policy and law class, which will eventually become an elective as more relevant courses with general education designations are approved. At that point, the political science course will not be required for the major. Discussion was held about what SHPS may be offering in the future and how it would relate to Green Chemistry. Concern expressed due to the Green Chemistry course being offered every other fall. Nick said that will not be an issue, they are waiting to see if there’s demand to offer every year and they definitely have the capacity to expand. A clean copy of the program was asked for.

Jennifer Alvey motioned for the Bachelor of Science in Green Chemistry program be approved. Motion seconded by Greg Laurence, motion approved.

GCAC General Education Moratorium ► Dan Lair gave the committee a brief history of how the moratorium and the moratorium ad hoc committee came to be. The plan is to lift the moratorium on May 1\textsuperscript{st}. Discussion ensued regarding the affect it has on program development, if they have the right to issue a moratorium and should AAAC wait or take action now?

After much discussion Vickie Larsen motioned that AAAC advise the Provost to lift the moratorium immediately, and determine if there can be an expedited process for new general education designations to be listed in next year’s catalog. Faculty Council should also review and clarify how a standing committee appoints an ad hoc committee, how long their appoint is, clarify temporal frame and if there is a conflict when
the chair of the standing committee is also the chair of the ad hoc committee. Motion seconded by Kui-Bin Im, motion approved.

**Merit Scholar Program Changes**

Dan Lair updated the committee of the recent change to the Merit Scholar Program. In order for Merit Scholar recipients to retain their scholarship they must register for at least 12 credit hours rather than 15. They also have to maintain least a 2.0 GPA by the end of their second year rather than a 2.75. Complaints have been received regarding the change in the GPA requirement from 2.75 to 2.0 by the end of the second academic year. Prior to this change, no faculty input had been asked for. Discussion ensued regarding the fact that a 2.0 GPA does not meet the requirements for a chemistry degree, for example, even if they received the Merit Scholarship the entire time they attend UM-Flint. This information was to be taken off of the website, but has not been done. Also, offers will not be rescinded to current students. Student Government plans to get involved. Faculty Council is concerned because these changes happened without any faculty input. Dan Lair will be meeting with Ricardo Alfaro, Faculty Council chair to strategize. Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Kristi Hottenstein will be invited to an upcoming AAAC meeting to discuss.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.