Faculty Council Draft Minutes of February 14, 2018- approved March 7, 2018

Location: 320 TL Library Director’s Conference Room

Present: Ricardo Alfaro, Emily Newberry, Chris Douglas, Mickey Doyle, Adam Lutzker, Judy Haefner, Cathy Miller, Matt Wyneken, Nick Kingsley, Thomas Hemphill, Tom Wrobel

Absent: Allon Goldberg,

Guests:

Meeting was brought into session at 9:03am

Approval of minutes from February 7, 2018- with changes

Discussion of motion to recommit authority issue to Faculty Council- options were discussed.

- Approach Regents to grant UM-Flint governance authority
- Bring motion to Senate Assembly to give UM-Flint Faculty Code authority
- Stick with status quo as there may not actually be any issues

Decision to schedule a Governing Faculty meeting for March 13 1:45-3:15 to present and discuss these options.

If a decision is reached to take it to the Senate, a motion would have to be prepared by April 2 in order to try to get on Senate Assembly agenda for their April meeting.

If a draft motion is drafted, contact Robert Ortega to get his input as Chair of Assembly.

Invite Dan Lair to our next meeting to give us a summary of his idea for resolving authority.

Gen Ed/FYE moratorium discussion- AAAC has concerns that continuing the moratorium on new course Gen Ed/FYE courses will affect the catalog for the upcoming year. They would like moratorium to be immediately lifted.

Discussion of the moratorium. Rationale for moratorium was to allow the committees to generate reports without moving targets.

Discussion continued.

Motion by A. Lutzker: FC reaffirms the right of each unit to modify their curriculum as they see fit. We encourage the units to develop new courses and we ask the GECC to consider new FYE and Gen Ed courses as they receive them.

Seconded by C. Miller and passed unanimously.
Discussion of meeting of FC Chair with VC Hottenstein- only 13 students were affected in ways that would require a reduction in GPA for Merit Scholarship retention. Undergraduate Admissions Standards committee has some recommendations to make for raising the GPA of merit scholarships to 2.75 but they were not sure if they or scholarships committee should move on this.

FC decided that as it has to do with renewal and not initial award, it should go to the Scholarships Committee.

Undergraduate Admissions Standards Committee came up with these ideas to help students who fall below the threshold for renewal without lowering the standard for everyone:

- Create an appeal process to allow time to bring the GPA up to the threshold
- Allow a one semester grace semester to bring GPA up to threshold

R. Alfaro will forward the bulleted recommendations on to VC Hottenstein.

Governance Website- R. Alfaro decided to wait until after surveys to send out notice about new governance website.

Shared Governance Article- R. Alfaro shared the article about shared governance with the Chancellor and Provost and pitched the idea of a retreat to determine roles and realms of responsibility with administration. They were receptive to it.

AAAC update- Academic calendar for next year is too late to change. AAAC will be looking at a new version of the calendar at their next meeting. Ann Arbor may want a unified calendar year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48am

Respectfully submitted
Emily Newberry- Secretary/Chair-Elect