Faculty Council Draft Minutes of March 7, 2018-approved March 21, 2018

Location: 320 TL Library Director’s Conference Room

Present: Ricardo Alfaro (Chair), Emily Newberry (Secretary/Chair-Elect), Chris Douglas (Past Chair), Mickey Doyle, Allon Goldberg, Judy Haefner, Tom Hemphill, Cathy Miller, Tom Wrobel, Matt Wyneken
Absent: Nick Kingsley, Adam Lutzker,
Guests: Dan Lair

Meeting brought into session at 9:03am

Dan Lair-presented idea of asking the Regents directly for authority. He also mentioned a signing statement that the Dearborn Chancellor made regarding the use of principles of governance with a clarification that they refer to Dearborn and not Ann Arbor.

Approval of minutes- approved as amended

Discussion of options to present at meeting on March 13 to Governing Faculty.

1. Seeking authority from Senate Assembly-makes status quo more official, easiest path for authority.
2. Seeking authority from Regents- is the most official, gives us the most autonomy, and gives us a direct voice to the regents. Could open up conversation about one vs three faculty bodies. Could also require that the Senate Assembly bring themselves into line with the Bylaws, which they currently are not.
3. Status quo- do nothing. This has worked for 25 years, why do we need to do anything.

Ricardo has asked Beth Manning to ask Academic HR their opinion and will try to schedule a call with Office of General Counsel to see if they have advice on this issue. He will also ask OGC to review the Code to see if it is compliant with the Bylaws.

Ricardo will prepare a PowerPoint presentation with the options to present at the meeting on the 13th.

Discussion of Administrator Surveys

Discussion for how to congratulate administrators who got generally good surveys. Decision was made to treat all administrators equally. Ricardo will send an email thanking them for their participation and hoping that they are able to use the comments to their benefit along with letting them know if they have questions or would like to meet with their unit representative or Faculty Council we are open to doing that.

Barbara Avery- most common theme is that people do not know who she is or what she does. Perhaps VCs should come to Governing Faculty meetings to introduce themselves.
Discussion of Chancellor’s results. Faculty Council should invite her to come and give her reactions to the results. Concerns were raised with the overall lack of improvement from the last survey.

Discussion of how to communicate with the President regarding reappointment process. No decision was reached.

Ricardo will invite Chancellor Borrego to the next Faculty Council meeting.

Ricardo made a motion to put the comments of Faculty Council on the website. Emily seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned 10:57am**

Respectfully submitted
Emily Newberry - Secretary/Chair-Elect