Faculty Council Minutes of May 2, 2018

Location: 320 TL Library Director’s Conference Room

Present: Emily Newberry (Chair), James Schirmer (Secretary/Chair-Elect), Ricardo Alfaro (Past Chair), Adam Lutzker, Mickey Doyle, DJ Trela, Matt Wyneken, Chris Douglas, Cathy Miller (CAC/BSP), Judy Haefner, Tom Wrobel

Absent: Nick Kingsley (AAAC)

Guests:

Meeting brought into session at 9:04 am.

April 18 minutes approved by acclimation

Announcement
With input from various members, Emily Newberry scheduled a summer Faculty Council meeting for June 27, 11am-1pm in 320 TL. While most business will be on hold for the summer, a July or August meeting may be scheduled at the meeting on June 27.

SACUA update
On April 23, 2018, past and present members of Faculty Council met with SACUA to discuss TCTF purview. The main takeaway from that meeting was that TCTF is advisory and that SACUA respects UM-Flint’s autonomy. TCTF members Bill Schultz, Sarah Lippert, and Joy Beatty will have 15 minutes at the May 10 UM-Flint governing faculty meeting to further clarify the work of that task force. Emily Newberry will reach out to Neil Marsh, new chair of SACUA, to reiterate the importance of open communication between governing faculty bodies.

SHPS to CHS
Regarding the name change of UM-Flint’s School of Health Professions and Studies (SHPS) to the College of Health Sciences (CHS), Judy Haefner offered the following statement on behalf of the School of Nursing:

The School of Nursing is always happy for the success of our fellow schools and departments. We have some questions however, about the recent information that the School of Health Professions and Studies has received permission to be called the College of Health Studies.
1. Clarify the need for the name change and how this will impact SHPS.
2. Outline the criteria that determined the appropriateness of this change from a school to a college.
3. Outline the steps that occurred for this process.

The School of Nursing is interested in understanding this process and wishes to know if this procedure to ‘rename’ yourself is available to all schools and departments at the University of Michigan Flint?

A concern is that this process occurred without input from the Governing Faculty. It seems that the discussions concerning this ‘name change’ progressed in private discussions without any public forums.

We are requesting that this ‘name change’ be placed on the agenda for the May 10 Governing Faculty meeting. We are requesting that the answers to the above 3 questions be presented by a representative of SHPS at the May 10 Governing Faculty meeting and be available to answer any questions that the Governing Faculty has on this matter.

These are some of the questions that SON believes need answers:
1. What are the current enrollment numbers of this unit? What enrollment size is appropriate to be a college?
2. What amount of external funding does the unit currently have? What amount is appropriate to be a college?
3. What is the number of governing faculty that the unit has? What number is appropriate to be a college?

At the conclusion of the statement, Faculty Council discussed the need for clarification from the provost not just in this specific instance but overall as definitions and traditions change at UM-Flint.

**Update: University Strategic Planning**

With little movement since January, there’s little reason to anticipate another update coming before the end of the academic year. In the current absence of any plan to bring anything to faculty for endorsement, Adam Lutzker moved that “given governing faculty approval of phase 1 of university strategic planning, Faculty Council urges the university strategic planning phase 2 core team bring their implementation plan to governing faculty for endorsement.” Ricardo Alfaro
seconded. The motion carried.

**FYE/GE motions**
Cathy Miller, reporting on behalf of the General Education Curriculum Committee, provided background and summary of motions intended toward more consistency and uniqueness among FYE and GE courses as well as the appointment of a director/coordinator. Faculty Council discussed resubmission on a three-year cycle, release for the director/coordinator, GE designations, overall number of GE courses, GECC’s next steps, and the possibility of faculty endorsement. FYE/GE motions will be on the agenda for the May 10 UM-Flint governing faculty meeting.

**Quorum**
Following conversation of parliamentary procedure on discussion and voting and the capacity of governing faculty to get things done, James Schirmer moved that “in light of ballot results regarding quorum and to encourage faculty participation in governing faculty meetings, Faculty Council interprets article 3, section 2, subsection c, as guidance for conducting business at governing faculty meetings.” Cathy Miller seconded. The motion carried.

**Climate study**
Emily Newberry talked with Sandy Alberto about how Faculty Council plans to respond to the climate study. The Women’s Commission is working on a response and would like to meet with Faculty Council. Emily Newberry will talk with Sandy Alberto about potential dates.

**Governing faculty meetings for 2018-19**
Governing faculty meetings for 2018-19 will be the last Friday of every other month: September 28, November 30, February 14, and April 12, 1pm-3pm.

**Faculty Council meetings for 2018-19**
Faculty Council meetings for 2018-19 will be every other Wednesday, 9am-11am, starting September 12.

**Update: CAC/BSP**
CAC/BSP recently discussed merit and fees as well as the April 26 budget town hall and intends to have one more meeting before the end of the academic year.

**Update: AAAC**
AAAC seeks a meeting with the chancellor and is considering an academic calendar start before Labor Day. There remains a question of regental approval of a three-year calendar, even as Ann Arbor and Dearborn make their own calendar changes.

**Matters arising**
Ricardo Alfaro noted the April 23 minutes of SACUA and asked about Faculty Council nominations for honorary degree committee. Emily Newberry and Tom Wrobel put their own names forward.

Adam Lutzker raised the matter of a new Master’s level program in Health Care Management, which duplicates a health care concentration in the current Master’s level program in Public Administration. Program duplication of this kind is an inter-unit governance coordination issue. Emily Newberry observed that 2-3 new programs are similar to already existing programs.

Ricardo Alfaro thanked Tom Wrobel and Chris Douglas for time served on Faculty Council.

Emily Newberry thanked Ricardo Alfaro for walking through fire.

All but three committee reports are in. Elections for faculty grievance are forthcoming.

Meeting adjourned at 10:46am

Respectfully submitted,
James Schirmer, Secretary/Chair-Elect