EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
November 6, 2007  
MINUTES


Absent:   M. Noel, T. Curry, President Simon

Professor Potchen called the meeting to order at 3:15p.m. with a quorum being present.

Professor Wright announced that this was the last official meeting for Julie Harrison who will be taking a position in Professor Stanford’s office. Julie has been part of the Governance Office for twenty-eight years and will be truly missed. ECAC acknowledged Julie for her fine work and congratulated her on the new position.

The Agenda was amended to include The CIC Faculty Leadership Report, Update on Faculty Survey, and the UCFA Response on Task Force 2. The amended agenda was approved.

The minutes for October 2, 2007 were amended to add Mary Noel as a member of the Task Force to review the COIA proposals. The amended minutes were approved.

Provost’s Remarks:
The Provost reported that the Council on Liberal Learning has been seated and has begun their work looking for ways to fully implement the goals of liberal learning. The Provost also reported that a discussion has been initiated regarding Student Support Programs on campus facilitated by the Learning Alliance group out of the Wharton school. A series of focus groups were held during the Spring 2007 to better understand the campus and a sense of the opportunities. There have been two larger discussion groups this Fall with leaders of various support and academic groups on campus. The Provost asked the group to identify any gaps seen in the current support services. The Provost will report back to ECAC and the Councils.

ECAC Chairperson’s Remarks:
Professor Potchen noted that progress is being made in Governance.

Proposal to Split the Department of Marketing and Supply Chain Management:
Professor Potchen reported on the Committee responses regarding the Proposal to Split the Department of Marketing and Supply Chain Management. UCAP unanimously endorsed the proposal. The UGC responded with the following two comments:

1) The split into smaller units always has a cost and is the Provost going to pay for this?

Professor Klomparens noted that it was her observation that the Provost was working at making
the Deans responsible for such budgetary decisions.

2) Who is going to review the outcomes? Professor Klomparens suggested that the mandated program review would be just such an opportunity to look back and see if the desired outcomes were reached.

A motion passed to refer the item to Faculty Council and Academic Council.

**Proposed Changes to the University Mission Statement:**
Professor Rosser, Chairperson of UCAG, reported the committee had reviewed the proposed Mission Statement with some revisions. The ECAC reviewed and made revisions.

The Revised “Working” MSU Mission Statement is as follows:
Michigan State University, a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities and one of the top 100 research universities in the world, was founded in 1855. We strive to be an inclusive, caring academic community, known for our strong traditional academic disciplines and professional programs and our enthusiasm for collaborative, cross-disciplinary enterprises that connect the sciences, humanities, and professions in practical, sustainable and innovative ways to address society’s rapidly changing needs. As a public, research-intensive, land-grant university, funded in part by the state of Michigan, our mission is to advance knowledge and transform lives by:

- Providing outstanding undergraduate, graduate and professional education to promising, qualified students in order to prepare them to contribute fully to society as globally engaged citizen leaders
- Conducting research of the highest caliber that seeks to answer questions and create solutions in order to expand human understanding and make a positive difference, both locally and internationally
- Advancing outreach and engagement, and economic development activities that are innovative, research-driven, and lead to a better quality of life for individuals and communities, at home and around the world

**Faculty Voice Task Force 1- Proposed Motion for Faculty Council:**
Professor Potchen presented a motion received from the ECAC At-Large Faculty. Professor Morash requested the following motion be placed on the next Faculty Council agenda:

*Move to ask faculty on ECAC to prepare documents similar to the “yellow pages” introduced by Professor Sticklen for the two remaining parts of the recommendations of Task Force 1, which are the two parts not yet on the floor as motions. These documents will be distributed to Faculty Council before any motion is made to accept the remaining two parts of the Task Force 1 recommendations.*

Following a brief clarification and discussion the motion was passed.

**CIC Faculty Leadership Conference Report:**
Professors Powell and Hughes attended the annual CIC Faculty Leadership Conference at the University of Iowa on November 2-3, 2007. Professor Powell summarized the highlights of the meeting. The full report can be found on the Governance web site. A motion passed to place the item as information on the Faculty Council agenda.

**Update on the Faculty Survey (Task Force 4):**
Professor Wright presented a brief update as of this meeting on the faculty survey. There were 1044
faculty who opened the survey, out of approximately 3,000 faculty and 889 faculty who completed the survey at this time.

**UCFA Response to Task Force 2 Recommendations as Requested:**
Professor Powell, Chairperson of UCFA, reported that the Personnel Subcommittee examined the documents and discussed the issues addressed by Task Force 2. They also contacted the Co-Chairperson of Task Force 2 concerning their deliberations. The UCFA believes the University would be better served by enhancing the current processes as suggested by the President and Provost. UCFA would like to see the President and Provost’s suggestions implemented and had additional suggestions believed to further enhance the existing processes and address several concerns expressed by Task Force 2. (See full report attached.) A motion passed to place this item on the Faculty Council agenda as information.

**Setting of Faculty Council Agenda for November 13, 2007:**
The agenda for the Faculty Council meeting scheduled for November 13, 2007 is as follows:

- Public Comments (2 minute time limit per speaker; 10 minutes total for comments)
- Approval of Minutes for October 9, 2007
- Proposal to Split the Department of Marketing and Supply Chain Management – Action Item
- University Mission Statement – Action Item
- Report on the CIC Faculty Leadership Conference – Information Item
- UCFA Response to Faculty Voice Task Force 2 – Information Item
- Motion to Faculty Council from ECAC re Remaining Parts of Faculty Voice Task Force 1 Report – Action Item
- Faculty Voice Task Force 1 Report: Section 3 Proposed Steering Committee – Action Item
- Other Business

A motion passed to approve the agenda.

**Setting of Academic Council Agenda for November 20, 2007:**
The agenda for the Academic Council meeting scheduled for November 20, 2007 is as follows:

- University Committee on Curriculum Report – Action Item
- Proposal to Split the Department of Marketing and Supply Chain Management – Action Item
- University Mission Statement – Action Item
- Resolution of Appreciation for Julie Harrison – Action Item
- Other Business

A motion was passed to approve the agenda.

**Other Business:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Wright