EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

May 1, 2007

Present:  Senior Associate Provost Youatt, Abeles, Caramagno, DeJong, Hettinger, Hinojosa, Hughes, Love, Payne, Potchen, Powell, Putnam, Tims, Weber; Others:  Harrison, Wright, Anderson (News Bulletin), Maxwell (State News), Sticklen, Morash, Morrice

Absent:  Campbell, Lappan, Ravani

Professor Potchen called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m.

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

The minutes for April 3 and April 17, 2007 were approved as distributed.

Provost’s Remarks:
Professor Youatt, Senior Associate Provost, reported Provost Wilcox was on the Meet Michigan bus tour.  Provost Wilcox wanted to extend his appreciation and thanks for all of the work in Governance this year.

Chairperson’s Remarks:
Professor Potchen thanked everyone for their hard work this year.  Much was done in Governance this year.  He acknowledged and thanked members leaving ECAC, Professor Abeles and Professor Weber, and indicated we look forward to their return to Academic Governance activities.

Election of ECAC Chairperson for 2007-08:
Professor Wright requested nominations for the ECAC Chairperson for 2007-08.  Professor Potchen was nominated.  A motion was passed to close nominations.  Professor Potchen was voted unanimously to be the Chairperson.

Election of ECAC Vice Chairperson for 2007-08:
Professor Wright requested nominations for the ECAC Vice Chairperson for 2007-08.  Professor Hughes was nominated.  A motion was passed to close nominations.  Professor Hughes was elected by a unanimous vote to be Vice Chairperson.

Discussion re: Summer Activity for Task Force 1:
An Angel site has been set up for all faculty to stimulate response on the Task Force documents and enter into the discussion forum to express their views.  Faculty will receive an e-mail informing them of this site and provide opportunity to remove themselves if they do not wish to be subscribed.  They may also respond via e-mail to the Governance office.  All commentary will be summarized at the beginning of Fall for Faculty Council.  There was considerable
discussion as to whether a small group was needed to develop direction or focus for discussion in the Fall. The decision was to begin with the expectation that everyone was versed on the Task Force 1 Report and documents and open up with a vigorous discussion in the first Council meeting.

**Committee for Civility:**
The following motions were approved at the Faculty Council meeting of April 24, 2007 regarding the promotion of faculty leadership in civility issues in the University:

**Motion #1:** The Faculty Council resolves to support efforts to foster a more inclusive environment on campus and to promote better understanding of diverse viewpoints. The faculty in no way supports exclusion of any viewpoints from campus.

**Motion #2:** In order to promote faculty involvement in finding ways to educate the MSU community in how to create and maintain an inclusive environment of civility on campus, we create a Faculty Council Civility Task Force to begin discussions on this matter over the summer and to report back to the Faculty Council on their findings and recommendations at the first Faculty Council meeting of the Fall 2007 Semester. This Civility Task Force should be composed of at least three Faculty Council members who volunteer for this important work.

Professor Potchen identified the following members to serve on this Committee over the summer: Professors Tims, Weber, Barnhizer, Potchen, Ten Eyck and students Zheng and Hinojosa.

**Committee to Evaluate Discussion and Other Matters in Faculty Council:**
The following motion was approved at the Faculty Council meeting of April 24, 2007: The Faculty Council is to appoint a committee of three or more individuals to study and evaluate the existing rules which regulate the discussion and other matters in Faculty Council. The information developed by the committee should be used by Faculty Council, along with information gained from the upcoming survey, to ensure that members are encouraged and enabled to discuss matters brought before the council.

Professor Potchen identified the following members to serve on this Committee over the summer: Professors Hughes, Powell, Corby and Wright.

**Other Business:**
There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15.

Respectfully submitted,

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