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FACULTY COUNCIL

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Absent: Bertrand, Dale, DeRogatis, Ferris, Floyd, Giesy, Gold, Harris, Kravchenko, Leahy, Mansfield, Newhouse, Patino, Thornburg, Walton, Wurst

The meeting began at 3:17 p.m. with a full quorum present.

Approval of Agenda:
The agenda was amended, adding the item regarding the College of Human Ecology, and moving the item on Salary Recommendations up on the agenda. The amended agenda was approved.

A motion was passed to give voice to Faculty Voice members and members of UCFA.

Approval of Minutes:
The minutes of April 11, 2006 were approved as distributed.

President’s Remarks:
President Simon reported that the Board of Trustees endorsed the resolution regarding the establishment of the four year campus in West Michigan. This resolution had the support of the CHM Advisory Council, Executive Committee and the Dean. The announcement was made today regarding the establishment of the arrangements with the various partners in West Michigan. The key partners include St. Mary’s Hospital, Van Andel Research Institute, Grand Valley State University, MMPC (a large physician group) and Spectrum Health. There were no financial numbers announced last week. There is an understanding with each of the partners is that they will make their own announcement with MSU regarding the financial arrangements. Today Spectrum Health made the announcement of the partnership and a ceremonial agreement was signed with MSU. The announcement made by the CEO was an $85 million dollar commitment, $55 million going for the debt service of the building and $30 million to be used for the support of the building of the West Michigan Medical School, primarily in the recruitment of Clinician researchers. President Simon noted that the lawyers were reviewing the
final contracts. The announcement of the site for the building will come later. President Simon thanked the Oversight committee for all of their work.

**Provost’s Remarks:**
Provost Wilcox talked about accreditation processes last week and since that meeting the College of Business has received a very good review by the AACSB.

**Executive Committee Chairperson’s Remarks:**
Professor Sticklen had no comments at this time.

**College of Human Ecology:**
Professor Putnam, Chairperson of UCAP, presented a motion to endorse the closing of the College of Human Ecology. Provost Wilcox noted this was one of the last steps in the process of closing the College. All of the programs are now placed in other units. It is important to complete the process this academic year so faculty and students can begin the next academic year in place. This can now go to the Board of Trustees meeting this year.

The motion passed.

**UCFA Faculty Salary Recommendations:**
Professor Emmett, Chairperson of UCFA, presented the proposal for the Recommendation for the 2006-07 Faculty Salary Increase as an information item. The UCFA’s recommendation is for a 4.7% increase in the faculty pool. In order to stay even with the Big Ten, MSU faculty would need at least a 3.6% increase. The supporting rationale was provided in materials distributed. A suggestion was made to the UCFA to make the salary recommendations in the Fall as opposed to Spring. Another suggestion made to UCFA was to bring the issues to Faculty Council while being discussed instead of at the end when a conclusion has been reached in order to provide input by the members.

**Status Reports from Faculty Voice Task Force Groups:**
Professor Sticklen reported that four of the five (2, 3, 4 & 5) Task Force Groups have completed their reports. Task Force 1 is to complete their report Fall Semester. Each Task Force chairperson presented their reports summarizing the recommendations. The materials were distributed to members prior to the meeting. One of the major issues raised was the need for the estimated cost to be included for each of the recommendations presented. The work of the Task Force members was acknowledged. Discussion focused on the need to wait until the work of Task Force 1 was completed before endorsing the recommendations of Task Force reports of 2, 3, 4, & 5 in isolation. It was also urged that some of the recommendations had relevance to the work of Task Force 1. Professor Potchen urged the members not to take quick action until we know how the governance system will be organized and not to vote piecemeal.

**Motion from ECAC with Regard to Faculty Voice Task Force Groups Recommendations:**
Professor Sticklen presented the following motion from ECAC:
ECAC requests that they be charged by the Faculty Council to form a group to integrate and cost out the recommendations of the Faculty Voice Task Force Groups. The motion was amended to add that this task be accomplished within 3 months following Task Force 1 report.

Professor Sticklen reported that ECAC had discussed the issue of next steps in proceeding forward. The consensus of ECAC members was that there were many interrelated issues between the Task Force groups and therefore an integrated version of all the Task Force groups recommendations need to be completed to then bring to Faculty Council. It was ECAC’s view that a group be formed to do the integration. There was a minority view expressed in ECAC that was opposed. Following further discussion a motion was passed to amend the motion to add a timeline. The following amendment was added to the motion:

- This task of the integrating group will be accomplished within three months of the completion of Task Force Group 1 report.

The amended motion was passed.

Other Business:
No items.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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