Present:  Corby, DeLong, Floyd, raker, Hinojosa, Rosser, Starr; Others: Harrison, Wright, Youatt

Absent: Gossain, Johnson, Lindemann, McAlpine

Motion to approve the agenda made by Hinojosa. Passed.

Motion to approve the March 1, 2007 minutes made by Starr. Passed.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

DeLong: ECAC added additional Faculty Council meeting for April 24th. Law school very close to completing bylaws, we will vote on them this Wednesday. Welcome to Gary Stone, representative of the Emeriti faculty.

EMERITI FACULTY:

Gary Stone: Part of Provost's office held a meeting with over 100 faculty last year to talk to them about getting more involved in MSU, so that they could share their expertise. The MSU Faculty Emeriti Association was formed as a result of the meeting. Over the past couple of years they have been developing programs to help the University. They have developed a respected lecture series and have been working to post job opportunities. The group has a Steering Committee of about 12 people with an array of expertise who really would like to help MSU. The group provides a number of benefits to the university - for example, it can represent the University in social and ceremonial settings and can attend academic senate.

Emeriti faculty would like a Bylaw change so that they can be members of certain faculty committees. They want to have a voice and don't want to feel like outsiders looking in. They want to be heard, but don't wish to have a vote, so that they don't upset the balance of power. They feel that they can be helpful and sincerely wish to help the University community. Currently, Emeriti Faculty are recognized with voice but no vote on Academic and Faculty Councils but that only extends to end of the year and doesn't allow them an avenue for formal continuing input. We would be looking to put permanent faculty representatives on the committees, and would be taking nominations from the entire association. We would only like seats on Faculty Council and Academic Council at this time with one representative to each. Our means of electing the representatives, whether there would be separate representatives for FC and AC or one person that does both, is still up in the air. We may want to expand to other committees later, but right now two sounds good.

Discussion: Covered how some departments view the role of emeriti faculty - some very much encourage emeriti faculty to stick around, and others do nothing to engage them.

A Motion was made to support the idea of making an amendment to the bylaws, but wait on making the changes until the Faculty Voice bylaw changes come together so that we can get everything done at once.

ELECTIONS: (Faculty Liaison Group and UCAG)

The committee was asked to look at the list of elected faculty council members, suggest people who would be good to approach and see if they would like to serve. Suggestions were made and Julie Harrison indicated she would contact them and see if they would be willing to serve.

Respectfully submitted by:
Eric Hinojosa, Secretary