PROPOSED MOTION FOR A SPECIAL RULE TO ADD AN EMERITI FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE TO FACULTY COUNCIL AND ACADEMIC COUNCIL FOR 2007-08

The Executive Committee of Academic Council wishes to add one (1) ex officio member from the Emeriti Faculty to the Faculty Council and Academic Council effective immediately. This representative will have voice but no vote on the Councils and will represent the Emeriti Faculty for the 2007-08 academic year.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2-13-07: Faculty Council approved special rule to allow 1 Emeriti Faculty member to serve on Faculty Council as ex officio with voice but no vote through 8-15-07.

2-20-07: Academic Council approved special rule to allow 1 Emeriti Faculty member to serve on Academic Council with voice but no vote through 8-15-07.

4-5-07: Excerpt from Draft UCAG Minutes

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 for Academic Governance, but wait on making the changes until the Faculty Voice bylaw changes come together so that we can get everything done at once.