Professor Potchen called the meeting to order at 3:16 p.m. with a quorum being present.

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

The Minutes for January 8, 2008 were approved as distributed.

**Associate Provost’s Remarks:**
Associate Provost Youatt announced that Provost Wilcox was not able to attend due to illness. Professor Youatt reported that a Multi Seminar was held on “Strategies for Advancing Diversity and Quality at MSU in a Post-Prop 2 Environment” for Deans, Directors and Chairpersons. Professor Curry noted that this topic will be on the program for next Fall and that a workshop will also be held.

**ECAC Chairperson’s Remarks:**
Professor Potchen reported that he has had many discussions on how to most efficiently progress this semester. It is his desire to complete Faculty Voice before the end of the semester, and/or at least the Faculty Council work. Professor Potchen noted that we may need to use open times for Faculty Council meetings; and we may need to use time following Academic Council meetings. The two issues for this semester include completing Faculty Voice and the Health Care Options.

**Bylaw Amendment Request for Section 4.9.1:**
Professor Rosser, Chairperson of UCAG, reported that the UCAG proposes the following amendment to Bylaw 4.9.1.: The Committee on Student Affairs shall have four faculty members selected by the Faculty Council. The committee shall have seven student members appointed as follows: three ASMSU Student Assembly appointees, including the Chairperson of the ASMSU Student Assembly or a designee; two COGS appointees; and two ASMSU Academic Assembly appointees. ASMSU Student and Academic Assembly appointees should be selected to reflect the diversity of the student population. The Vice President for Student Affairs and Services, or a designee, shall be a member with voice but no vote.

**Current Bylaw reads as follows:**
4.9.1. The Committee on Student Affairs shall have four faculty members selected by the Faculty Council. The committee shall have seven student members appointed as follows: three ASMSU Student Assembly appointees, viz. the Chairperson of the ASMSU Student Assembly or a designee, an appointee of the Black Student Alliance with the
approval of the ASMSU Student Assembly and a female appointee; two COGS appointees; and two ASMSU Academic Assembly appointees, viz. one college representative and one other ASMSU Academic Assembly member, one of whom should be non-white. The Vice President for Student Affairs and Services or a designee shall be a member with voice but no vote.

The motion was supported and after some discussion the proposed amendment was referred to UCSA. The UCSA will report back to ECAC in March or April.

**Copyright Awareness:**
Professor Bice, Chairperson of UCC, introduced guests with expertise in copyright, Lynne Woods, Christine Force, Amy Blair and Mike Poterella. The ultimate goal regarding copyright is for MSU to have robust copyright policy to be drafted in part by faculty and endorsed by faculty and other MSU stakeholders. Information was presented to ECAC and materials were distributed explaining why copyright issues are being raised at this time, the advantages of a timely development of a robust copyright policy, the current MSU statement on using copyrighted materials and the MSU resources and guidance that is available. Following discussion a motion was passed to create a Task Force Committee to consult with Legal Counsel and staff to draft a proposal. The Task Force should consist of two faculty, Bice and Chivukula; and one Undergraduate student and one Graduate student. The Task Force is to report back to ECAC as soon as possible.

**Faculty Voice Task Force 1 Update:**
Professor Potchen proposed that a “Teach-In”, facilitated by Professor Beck, for the Task Force 1 Report be held next week for any and all faculty. The purpose of the “Teach-In” is to provide information to faculty who need to be better informed and provide opportunity to ask questions. A motion was passed approving the proposal. Following some discussion regarding the date and time, it was decided to hold the “Teach-In” on Wednesday, February 20, 3:30 to 5:00 in the Radiology Auditorium. The session will be recording. An email will be sent to all faculty informing them of the date and time of the “Teach-In”. Professor Potchen stressed the need for getting the work done on Faculty Voice. There are possibilities to have additional Faculty Council meetings this semester, for example having Faculty Council following Academic Council meetings.

**Report by Panel on COIA Report and Recommendations:**
Professor Anderson chaired the panel that reviewed the COIA report. Professor Anderson represented MSU at the COIA meeting in October. The purpose of the Coalition was to address the concerns of balancing institutional, academic and the intercollegiate athletics. A “white paper” was written in May 2007 at Stanford University and distributed on the web for feedback. It was then published in June, 2007 entitled “Framing the Future”. The panel was charged to review the report to assess how well MSU’s Department of Athletics met the new COIA recommendations. The panel included M. Noel, J. Powell, F. Tims and C. Zheng. The panel has made the following interim conclusions:

- MSU is in substantial compliance with the COIA institutional level recommendations.
- MSU is unable to meet the proposed COIA recommendations (in some cases) because of conflicts with existing NCAA regulations.
- Communication lines between the MSU Athletic Council and the UCAP should be strengthened to increase faculty understanding and participation in decision making.
- The existing MSU Academic Governance and Athletic Department policies and procedures have created an appropriate system of checks and balances to assure that MSU student athletics are treated well, allowed opportunities to be integrated into campus life, and to progress toward the completion of a degree.
- The MSU Faculty Athletic Representative should be reviewed on a regular basis (5 years) with meaningful participation by the Athletic Council and the UCAP.
The Athletic Department budget is established and monitored. The Athletic Department should provide opportunities for meaningful faculty participation and review of Athletic Department budgets.

MSU is not able to achieve the COIA recommendation that the Athletic Department’s budget growth rate should be no greater than the University’s overall budget growth rate.

The panel will provide a final report by April 7, 2008.

**Health Care Issues and Options Report:**
Professor Powell, Chairperson of UCFA, reported the last open forum for the faculty was held on January 31, 2008. There were fourteen people total in attendance. Professor Powell noted there was solid input from people with expertise in the areas addressed in the report, i.e., information technology, electronic medical records, etc. There were many ideas and positive comments about the report. The UCFA proposed that a resolution be developed to bring to Faculty Council supporting the recommendation to establish an ongoing sub-committee associated with UCFA to be interactive players in the discussion with the Provost’s office, HR and whoever else is a part of the discussions.

**Establishment of Implementation Committee for Task Force 4:**
The motion charging ECAC to establish a Committee for the Implementation of Task Force 4 survey findings was passed by Faculty Council. The purpose of the Committee would be to formulate recommendations based on the survey and bring to Faculty Council. Professor Sticklen volunteered to serve on the Committee. Professor Morash proposed that the Faculty Council representatives from Social Science and Communication and Arts be asked for 1-2 faculty with expertise in the area to serve on the committee. The motion was seconded. Following some discussion, the motion was passed.

**Setting of Faculty Council Agenda for February 19, 2008:**
The agenda for the Faculty Council meeting scheduled for February 19, 2008 is as follows:
- Public Comments (2 minute time limit per speaker; 10 minutes total for comments)
- Approval of Minutes for January 22, 2008
- UCFA Resolution on Health Care Concerns, Policies and Future Options – Action Item
- Further Discussion of Faculty Voice Task Force 1 Report: Section 3 Proposed Steering Committee – Action Item
- Other Business

A motion was passed to approve the agenda.

**Setting of Academic Council Agenda for February 26, 2008:**
The agenda for the Academic Council meeting scheduled for February 26, 2008 is as follows:
- University Committee on Curriculum Report – Action Item
- UCFA Resolution on Health Care, Concerns, Policies and Future Options – Action Item
- Other Business

A motion was passed to approve the agenda.

**Other Business:**
John Powell, Chairperson of UCFA, announced that the UCFA Report of Health Care Options was now on the
UCFA web site. There will be two faculty forums to be scheduled in the next ten days, and an announcement would go to all faculty.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Wright