The meeting began at 3:22 p.m. with a full quorum present.

Approval of Agenda:
The agenda was approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes:
The minutes of September 25, 2007 were approved as distributed.

Provost’s Remarks:
Provost Wilcox began by reflecting and noted the common theme of connections that mark MSU. Professor Nigel Paneth from College of Human Medicine and an Alliance composed of Michigan’s top three research Universities, two leading health care systems, and State and local health agencies will join together in a National research project to study how the environment affects the health of children. It is arguably one of the most important medical research activities in recent history and the coming decades and it will be taking place in Michigan with MSU leadership. The Capital Campaign just closed at $1.4 billion dollars which was all about partnerships. The Provost met in Washington DC on Capitol Hill last week with partners representing all areas of Michigan. The Provost also attended a meeting in Ann Arbor cosponsored by the University Research Corridor looking at issues related to the role, challenges and future of higher education in the country and what it means for the nation. The University Research Corridor is becoming a real entity with recognition in the State. The University Research Corridor has not diminished the importance of any of the three Universities, MSU,
U of M and Wayne State. The Provost sees both a greater attempt and greater success in making the partnerships both defining as well as strategic for MSU.

**ECAC Chairperson’s Remarks:**
Professor Potchen reported that Faculty Council is discussing the recommendations for the Proposed Steering Committee in the Task Force 1 Report. Faculty Council members are in the midst of extensive debate which will continue at the next meeting. The Faculty Liaison Group to the Board of Trustees (BOT) met and plan to bring a plan on how the faculty and BOT can work together to enhance the academic culture of the University at the next Board meeting.

**University Committee on Curriculum Report:**
Professor Bice, Chairperson of UCC, presented the following report to members:
There were 12 programs and 219 course proposals approved which included:
- 1 new program and changes in 11 programs
- 50 new courses, which included 3 course reinstatements
- 61 course changes
- 8 course deletions

Highlights included the approval by the Provost to extend the Moratorium in the Master of Arts Degree in History of Art through spring 2008.

A motion was passed to approve the UCC report.

**Academic Program Review:**
The Provost presented an implementation plan for moving the Academic Program Review forward. There were some modifications recommended to make the campus-wide program review both manageable but also inclusive. All programs will be reviewed including the professional programs which can be scheduled with the units and coordinated with the accreditation visits. The process will begin in the fall with the focus on self-study and then may move to the external review. The schedule for the program reviews will be posted publically for a 2 to 3 year period. Professor Moch noted he had served on Task Force 3 and is 100% behind the changes and is consistent with what was wanted by the Task Force.

**Other Business:**
No additional items were identified.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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