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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

September 18, 2000

1:00 p.m. in KU 207

PRESIDING: George Miner

PRESENT: Shaun Daugherty, Jonathan Dries, George Doyle, John Geiger, Harry Gerla, George Miner, Fran Pestello, Fred Pestello (for Paul Morman), Roberta Weaver, Betty Youngkin

GUESTS: Ms. Rosie O=Boyle, Dr. Patrick Donnelly

1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Lord's Prayer.

2. Roll Call

Ten of the twelve members of the Executive Committee were present.

3. Dr. Miner introduced Jonathan Dries as the new student representative on the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate. Colleen Savage who was elected to the Executive Committee notified Dr. Miner that she has been unable to attend the ECAS Committee meetings because of conflicts with her class schedule. Jonathan was contacted by the Provost=s Office and asked him if he would be available to serve out the fall term on the ECAS in her place. Jonathan has agreed to serve on the Committee. Welcome Jonathan.

4. Alcohol Policy - I-00-14

Dr. Miner introduced Dr. Pat Donnelly and Ms. Rosie O=Boyle to the Executive Committee. Dr. Miner explained that they are members on the University Task Force on Alcohol Use and Abuse.

They explained that the Task Force examined the role of alcohol on campus. And found that alcohol is widely accepted on campus. The Task Force found very different perceptions of alcohol on campus. Most faculty and staff

perceive the extent of student alcohol use and related behaviors to be a serious problem, detracting from both the academic focus and the quality of student life on campus. Students generally do not perceive alcohol use to be a serious problem.

The Task Force reviewed the present status of efforts and programs addressing alcohol and abuse. They agree that more directed efforts, more energy, and more resources will be required to reduce alcohol abuse and related problems on the campus.

The Task Force believes that the problem of alcohol use and abuse on campus must be viewed as a community problem. What is needed for change is a better understanding of the role of alcohol on campus, associated problems, and the factors that contribute to them.

The Task Force does not believe that any single policy change, any single new program, nor any single group can bring about the cultural changes needed to effectively address the issue of alcohol use and abuse. By working together, faculty, staff, and students, with the assistance of parents, alumni, and community representatives, can change the prevailing campus attitudes and behaviors concerning alcohol and can reduce alcohol abuse and its negative consequences.

The Executive Committee discussed points that might be helpful in deterring the alcohol abuse on campus.

Get the message across to change the culture

Educate and inform faculty

Support from Department & Dean=s Offices

Scheduling

- Same number of classes on Friday as Monday and Wednesday.
- Require courses to meet until 4:30 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

The need to take attendance

Not tolerating jokes about drinking

Students should be accountable for your actions

The Committee agreed that this topic needs to be discussed further. Ms. O=Boyle and Dr. Donnelly offered to come to another Executive Committee if the Committee determined they needed any additional information or explanation of the findings in the Report of the Task Force on Alcohol Use and Abuse.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Thomas - Recording Secretary