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Executive Committee Minutes - August 24, 2001

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

August 24, 2001 – 1:00 p.m. in St. Mary's 113-B

PRESIDING: Betty

SENATORS PRESENT: Bartley, Dandaneau, Doyle, Dunne, Erdei, Gerla, Morn Youngkin

1. Opening Prayer: B. Youngkin opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
2. Roll Call: Nine of twelve ECAS members were present.
3. Approval of ECAS minutes of May 3, 2001: The minutes were approved as submitted.
4. Review of Issues List (as of April 5, 2001): The committee chairs were asked to look at the issues in terms of setting priorities.

Student Academic Policies Committee (SAPC) – G. Doyle, chair

There are currently no issues before the committee.

Academic Policies Committee (APC) – J. Dunne, chair

The top priority will be impact of the new grading scale. The APC may send this to the SAPC once they've reviewed it. Once complete, it can be brought to the ECAS and then the full Senate. The second priority will be General Education Program review. A report from the University Committee on General Education and Competencies will be submitted to the APC this fall based on the University-wide review that took place last year.

Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) – H. Gerla, chair

The top priority was identified as faculty/staff benefits, with health care being a major issue. F. Pestello noted that Human Resources has been reorganized and Paula Miller will be the contact for the academic side. The FAC resolved the issue of Lecturer representation and will continue with the Faculty Workload Policy, evaluation of non-academic administrators, and proper use of student assessment. The role of the Provost and Deans in tenure decisions will be a long-term issue. The issue of maternity/paternity leave has been postponed for review. For full-time and part-time instructional staff guidelines, the AAUP statement will no longer be the

basis for consideration. The focus will be how f-t and p-t instructional staff are being used currently and how they should be used. The FAC should contact the AAUP to inform them of the discussions on this issue and get their reaction. The FAC approved in principle what has come about in the revised (7/31/01) Research Professorship proposal. It was noted that concerns had been raised from the science faculty and it was suggested to investigate before taking the proposal to the full Senate.

It was suggested to have all of the committees come together during the first Academic Senate meeting.

5. Impact of Alternative Grading System: It was recommended that one proposal could be developed with four issues rather than four separate proposals. The target is to have the proposal for a vote during the October Senate meeting. Preliminary discussion can take place at the September meeting as part of the APC report.

6. Student and part-time faculty representation on Academic Senate: A replacement is still needed for S. Bartley as SBA student senator because he is now the SGA representative as Vice President for Academic Affairs. The student senator situation is particular to the fall semester because of the transition in how students will be elected, but the Senate Constitution should be followed in finding a replacement. S. Bartley will contact the runner-up in SBA from the last election about serving on the Senate during the fall term. S. Hall will be asked to contact the student senator from Education about attendance at meetings. The part-time faculty representative has resigned and B. Youngkin will consult with Associate Provosts Deb Bickford and Pat Palermo about a replacement. The previous representative hadn't been able to attend meetings so that was raised as an issue for consideration. It was agreed that the SGA representatives who will begin serving on the Academic Senate in January will be invited to attend subcommittee and Senate meetings in the fall as observers. S. Bartley will inform the students and B. Youngkin will also send a note to them.

7. Presidential Search Update: F. Pestello reported that Senator Richard Finan, chair of the Search Committee, reported to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees on August 20. He is pleased with the progress and feels the search is on track. A tentative timeframe was noted:

August 1 --Deadline for applications.

August-September --Search Committee will narrow down candidates.

October --Off-campus interviews will be conducted.

November On-campus interviews will be conducted.

December-January Make and announce selection.

The Board's Executive Committee approved the formation of a Presidential Transition Committee. In this phase, the Transition Committee will keep the University community informed of the search process. When on-campus interviews are held, it will ensure that the University community is involved and has opportunity for evaluation. Once the selection is made, the committee will facilitate the transition.

8. Research Professorships: It was noted that the July 31, 2001 revision was a result of the May 3 ECAS meeting. P. Morman and G. Doyle will circulate the revised proposal to the science and engineering faculty, respectively, for review. Comments should be directed to the Faculty Affairs Committee.

9. Frequency of ECAS Meetings: The meeting time for the fall term will be Fridays from 1:00-2:00 p.m. It was proposed to meet bi-weekly rather than weekly. The ECAS agreed to set that as a goal but will still reserve the time each week. The next meeting will be August 31. The ECAS will not meet on September 7 with the first Senate meeting being held at 3:00 p.m. that day.

10. Televising Academic Senate Meetings: The Academic Senate agreed last year to televise meetings for a year on a pilot basis. The ECAS discussed possible implications televising might have on voting. The overall sentiment was that Academic Senate meetings are public so voting should be public. The Senate will proceed with the same voting procedures unless objections are raised. The Provost's Office will contact Tom Skill to make necessary arrangements for televising the Senate meetings.

11. ECAS Agenda for August 31: Discussions regarding the ECAS role in faculty appointments to University committees and Level 3 suspensions will carry over to the next agenda. The ECAS can discuss and assign them to committees. B. Youngkin will try to invite someone (possibly from the Judiciary Board) to attend for consultation regarding Level 3 suspensions. S. Dandaneau raised a new issue to be placed on the agenda for the fall term; a proposal will be submitted concerning restructuring of the Honors and Scholars Programs.

12. Proposed Agenda for September 7 Senate Meeting:

- Opening prayer
- Welcome and introduction of SGA representatives as observers
- Committee reports (It was suggested to distribute the updated issues list prior to the meeting.)
- Health care issues and Human Resources reorganization (Paula Miller will be invited as a guest.)
- Update on Presidential Search by F. Pestello

13. The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Owen, Office of the Provost