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Executive Committee Minutes - October 5, 2001

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

October 5, 2001 – 1:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall, Room 113B

PRESIDING: Betty Youngkin

SENATORS PRESENT: K. Bartlett, S. Bartley, S. Dandaneau, G. Doyle, J. Dunne, H. Gerla, P. Morman, B. Youngkin

1. Opening Prayer: B. Youngkin opened the meeting with a psalm.
2. Roll Call: Nine of twelve members were present.
3. Approval of ECAS minutes of September 28, 2001: The minutes were approved as amended.
4. Announcement: P. Donnelly requested that B. Youngkin ask the ECAS to make a change in the constitution to allow full-time faculty on sabbatical to vote. At the present time, ballots are not sent to faculty who are on sabbatical. The thinking behind this policy now is finding correct addresses to mail ballots and the necessity of getting ballots returned in a timely fashion. It was recommended that this issue be sent to the Faculty Affairs Committee for review.
5. University Budget: F. Pestello presented to the Committee information drafted by T. Burkhardt, R. Fitz and himself concerning Undergraduate Pricing and Financial Aid for Fiscal 2003. The major points presented were:
 - ◆ Set the number of 1,750 entering full-time undergraduate students who would maintain the University population of full-time undergraduates to 6,600. A goal for each school has been presented to the Deans. The objective is also to maintain a gender balance. This past year's entering class had the highest tests scores for any entering class.
 - ◆ The focus of recruiting for the next year is to encourage more minorities to attend the University. The University will try several different approaches, which will be costly. The Diversity 2000 Plan will become more aggressive in enrollment management which will become the top priority.
 - ◆ The University of Dayton is priced low against its private school competition. In order to attract good students, the University must maintain its edge in technology, apply more money to the worth of scholarships, increase the number of scholarships, and continue to hire excellent professors. Every year goals are set.

- ◆ In the year 2000, incoming students paid an average net tuition of \$11,685 per year. In 2001, they paid \$11,880. The University hasn't kept up with its competitor Catholic universities and the concern is that the University will fall behind in some of the leading advances to better serve their students.
- ◆ A briefing with the Flyer News will take place Friday, October 18.
- ◆ The budget will be presented to the faculty at the meeting sponsored by the Academic Senate on November 9, 2001.

6. Draft -Participating in the Graduation Ceremony Before Earning the Necessary Academic Credits: G. Doyle, chair of the Student Academic Policies Committee, distributed a draft summation of the Participating in the Graduation Ceremony Before Earning the Necessary Academic Credits. A sample poll was taken amongst several groups. The consensus of the Deans was that they were opposed, the faculty's was slightly unfavorable and the students' were slightly in favor. The Student Academic Policies Committee will ask the Senate to make a motion to adopt their recommendation that the present policy in which the students are not allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony before they have completed all the academic degree requirements be maintained. This item will be on the October 12 full Senate agenda.

7. Presidential Search: A Presidential Search Committee and a Transition Committee exists so the new President can relate to a committee for advice. The candidates will visit the campus between November 5 and November 16. Each candidate will be on campus for two days. During that time, three open forums will be held for faculty, staff and students to hear comments from the candidates and be able to ask questions. Everyone is encouraged to submit questions to their appropriate representatives on the Transition Committee. F. Pestello, B. Youngkin, and S. Gould represent the administration and faculty, P. Whitney represents the staff and Kara Stencel for the students.

8. Committee Reports: G. Doyle, Student Academic Policies Committee, reported that this committee has taken a position of Level 3 Suspension and will have something written in the form of a proposal ready for a motion in two or three weeks. The committee will suggest action at the Academic Senate meeting in December.

H. Gerla, Faculty Affairs Committee: the committee is asking permission to look at two issues.

- ◆ Human Resources has asked to change the Tuition Exchange Policy. If the University employs two members of a family, the senior member should use his/her seniority to apply for tuition exchange. The other member of the family would not lose his/her seniority.
- ◆ P. Palermo currently is asking for consultation on lengthening the probationary periods

for tenure from seven years to ten years. It has been asked that the system become more flexible. It is voluntary for the faculty member.

J. Dunne, Chair of the Academic Policies Committee, reported for the Academic Policies Committee.

9. The Executive Committee was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Rogatto