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Executive Committee Minutes - January 10, 2002

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

January 10, 2002 – 12:00 p.m. in KU 311

PRESIDING: Brian Conniff

SENATORS PRESENT: Bartley, Conniff, Dunne, Gerla, Good, Hallinan, Hall, Morman, Pedrotti, Pestello

1. Opening Prayer: B. Conniff read a Beha'i prayer of unity

2. Roll Call: Ten of twelve members were present.

3. Discussion of Forum on Presidential Search: F. Evans, chair of the Presidential Search Communications Group, was introduced to the members of ECAS. She reported the first two forums on Friday, January 11, would center around three topics:

- ◆ "To specify, weigh, and prioritize the criteria for the selection of the next president;
- ◆ To clarify the process for presenting the final candidate to the campus community on the 'final day' of the search;
- ◆ To clarify the process by which the ECAS, student representatives, and the senior administrative leadership will interview the presidential candidates (including the availability of credentials and publications and the consultation among these groups)."

The forums will have members of the search committee speaking to the issues that they heard from the first forum in December 2001. S. Gould will discuss what qualifications are important in the new president; how should they be ranked. D. Phillips will address the issue of communication, feedback, and exchange of information between the representative groups interviewing the candidates. P. Morman will speak about what will happen on the "final day" when the candidate arrives on campus; in presenting the candidate, are we looking for reaffirmation from the campus community on acceptance of the candidate?

Other issues that may have to be addressed in future meetings are to identify the critical issues on campus and student input.

Three points of information will be distributed at the forums: the timeline for the search, the job description, and the Mission and Leadership Priorities written by faculty.

Several points were raised by senators:

- A process will be set in place by which B. Conniff, President of the Academic Senate and F. Evans from the Search Committee will put together a brief summary of what is discussed at the forums and distribute this to the whole campus.
- The ECAS, as a group, should decide what kind of information is needed to interview the candidate, what are the special issues on campus, what questions are important to ask.
- Work with the other representative groups to decide on a candidate that is acceptable to all.

4. Representative from the Faculty Affairs Committee to Human Resources Advisory Board: H. Gerla, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, will be the representative to the Human Resources Advisory Board.

5. Chair of Student Academic Policies Committee: S. Bartley, undergraduate student senator, is the only ECAS member on the Student Academic Policies Committee and thus would be the chair for this committee. A recommendation was made that the committee itself decide if they want a student to be the chair, choose a faculty member to co-chair the committee or select a faculty member to chair.

6. Committee Reports: No reports were given.

The meeting was adjourned: 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by J. Rogatto