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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

November 22, 2002 – 2:00-3:00 p.m. in St. Mary's 113B

PRESIDING: Brian Conniff

SENATORS PRESENT: Conniff, Dandaneau, Dunne, Gauder, Gerla, Pedrotti, Hallinan, Pedrotti, Pestello, Telfair

1. Opening Prayer: B. Conniff read a quote by Thérèse of Lisieux.
2. Roll Call: Ten of twelve members were present.
3. Approval of ECAS Minutes for November 8, 2002: The November 8, 2002 minutes were approved with a slight change.
4. Announcements: H. Gerla reported that an arrest involving the Campus Police occurred in the Law School. F. Pestello stated that the matter is being looked into by the Administration. The Academic Senate will be asked to review the arrest guidelines for the Campus Police.

F. Pestello suggested that the April 11, 2003 Academic Senate meeting be cancelled in lieu of the President's Investiture. The ECAS had no objections to this suggestion.

Many of the terms of the representatives to the Academic Senate expire in December. One of the issues that has not been concluded is the Policy on Fair, Responsible, and Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources. B. Conniff reported that T. Skill is working on a revision of the document incorporating the comments made by the Academic Senate.

5. Committee Reports: H. Gerla, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, reported that he will be writing letters to the Vice Presidents for Human Resources of other universities to ask them how they handle maternal/paternal leaves. He will also present new wording in for the document on Suspending the Tenure Clock for Tenure-Track Faculty Members Eligible for Family Medical Leave at the December 6 Academic Senate meeting. A letter of comment in reference to the Research Professorships has been sent to M. McCabe (Research Institute) and F. Pestello.

M. Telfair reported that the Student Academic Policies Committee has continued to work on the 18th credit hour issue. Representatives of SGA presented the proposal at the last ELC meeting.

J. Dunne reported that the Academic Policies Committee has tabled the final exam policy and graduating grades; the Committee will monitor this issue.

6. December 6 Meeting with D. Curran: B. Conniff will send a memo to D. Curran reminding him of the issues the ECAS would like to focus on during the meeting. These items are:

- Review the process of the presidential search and consider drafting guidelines for future searches;
- Suggest representatives from higher education at large to the Board of Trustees;
- Consider having a representative from the UD faculty on the Board of Trustees;
- Discuss methods of engaging the Board with the faculty.

7. Discussion of Budget Recommendations for ELC Meetings: Part of the December 6 Senate meeting will be devoted to a discussion of the ECAS/Academic Senate position on the budget, which will be presented to the ELC later in December. The Senate might begin by looking at the three options for raising tuition, as presented by F. Pestello and T. Burkhart at the November faculty meeting. Another item for consideration might be the Senate's priorities for salary increases as opposed to program funding. It was mentioned that the administration would like to use the allocation of funds in the base budget for academic excellence. More generally, there is a concern that the members of the ECAS change too often to be effective members of the ELC, particularly in the budget deliberations. ECAS would like to propose that a standing committee (most likely a sub-committee of Faculty Affairs) be developed, possibly including permanent faculty members, to monitor the budget discussion and develop academic priorities on an on-going basis.

8. Agenda for December Senate Meeting: The Academic Senate meeting's agenda will include:

- Introduction of new senators
- Summary reports from the standing committees
- Senate representative on the Presidential Investiture Committee
- Discussion of Senate priorities for the budget
- "Suspending the Tenure Clock for Tenure-Track Faculty Members Eligible for Family Medical Leave"
- Update on the status of the General Competency and Quantitative Reasoning, and Section II – the "Rationale and Goals" of the General Education Program. A draft proposal for the General Competency and Quantitative Reasoning may be ready to present at the January Senate meeting.

9. Senate Representative for Presidential Investiture Committee: A member of the Academic Senate is needed on the Presidential Installation Committee. Members will be asked to volunteer at the December 6 Senate meeting.

10. Policy for Use of FACSTAFF: ECAS was asked to review the policy for the use of FACSTAFF. The members of the ECAS all agreed that the current policy is effective and should remain in place.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by J. Rogatto