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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

February 25, 2003 – 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. in SM 113B

PRESIDING: Joe Saliba

SENATORS PRESENT: Eloe, Gauder, Gerla, Hall, Partlow, Pestello, Rapp, Saliba, Telfair, Yungblut

1. Opening Prayer: J. Saliba read a short prayer.

3. Approval of ECAS Minutes for February 4, 2003: The February 4 minutes were approved as written.

4. Announcements:

a. The Stander Symposium will be held on March 4 and 5. The people in leadership roles on campus are encouraged to attend and show their support to those students involved.

b. The Provost Council on February 25 asked the Academic Senate to review the Dean's List policy for part-time students. The Academic Policies Committee and the Student Academic Policies Committee will look at this issue.

c. F. Pestello added that the Law School will have an open forum on February 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the Mathias A. Heck Courtroom to discuss the student arrest and racial issues.

5. Old Business:

a. *IT Issues* – A letter from four faculty referring to their concerns about certain IT issues was shared with the ECAS. T. Danford has offered to brief these four faculty, the ECAS, and others to the challenges facing the UDit on a daily basis. The increased number of network computers, along with growing demands and usage of students and faculty, has taxed the UDit infrastructure. It was suggested that T. Danford develop articles for the Flyer News to describe the problems that face UDit day to day, infrastructure, and show measurable outcomes and indicators in benchmarking with other universities.

b. *Copyright Issues* – M. Rogers, Manager of the Bookstore, is concerned that faculty may have abused the copyright laws. Documents pertaining to the Copyright Law, Sections 106, (Exclusive Rights 107 (Fair Use Section)), and 110 (Face to Face in the Classroom) were distributed at the ECAS meeting. A short summary of copyright law was given explaining that the added sections to 110 extend to distance learning. It was recommended that the University develop a clear document on procedures and

policy. T. Skill will be asked to notify Indiana University and Purdue to see if UD can have permission to be linked to their web site on copyrights.

c. *Faculty Vote on Academic Senate Document – I-02-03* – This document must be put before the tenure/tenure track faculty for a vote. It was suggested that a Lotus Quickplace be set up in order for the proposal to be presented and the faculty could ask questions and submit comments. This document, if approved by the faculty, would have to be presented to the Board of Trustees in May, 2003. Efforts to contact the faculty to encourage voting will have to be made.

d. *Strategic Planning* – The question was raised, “How do we get the faculty and students involved in Strategic Planning?” It was suggested to have open forums, discussions, committees, and a website calling for faculty participation. F. Pestello devotes the first 60 minutes of the Provost’s Council meeting to strategic planning.

6. Committee Reports: H. Gerla, chair of the *Faculty Affairs Committee*, said that his committee is discussing the difference in use of part-time faculty between the professional schools and the College. M. Telfair, chair of the *Student Academic Policies Committee*, said that she and M. Morel will write a draft letter to faculty to stress that students are concerned about reduced class time and possible decline in academic standards and excellence. J. Rapp, chair of the *Academic Policies Committee*, is discussing the faculty involvement with the new on-line registration system. They are also discussing issues concerning the academic calendar.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by J. Rogatto