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

August 20, 2003 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in St. Mary's 113B

PRESIDING: Joe Saliba

SENATORS PRESENT: Dandaneau, Eloë, Gauder, Gerla, Morman, Morrel, Pestello, Rapp, Saliba

1. Opening Prayer: J. Saliba opened the meeting with a prayer in memory of Mrs. Hattie Lu Geyer, Dr. Pestello's mother-in-law.
2. Approval of ECAS Minutes for July 24, 2003: The July 24, 2003 minutes were approved as written.
3. Announcements:
 - (a) The Academic Senate meeting originally scheduled for September 26 has been changed to September 12.
 - (b) The ECAS members were asked to attend the Convocation on Monday, August 25.
 - (c) The Fall Faculty meeting will be held on Friday, September 5 at 3:00 p.m. in Boll Theater.
 - (d) C. Roecker Phelps is on sabbatical and will not be able to continue as a senator. It was suggested that J. Korte be asked to take her place. J. Ruggiero is not able to continue as a senator. D. McFarlin received the second largest amount of votes and stated he can not serve. J. Rapp will talk with P. Meyers, Dean of the School of Business, to ask D. McFarlin to reconsider. If he declines, J. Rapp will suggest someone.
 - (e) Proposals for the Academic Senate meeting on September 12 should be sent to J. Rogatto by September 4 for distribution.
4. Discuss Visit of D. Curran to Academic Senate Meeting in September: J. Saliba met with D. Curran to voice the concerns of the faculty. He reported that D. Curran was very receptive to changing the use of the word "branding" to "positioning" and stated that D. Curran is confident that the positioning piece of the strategic planning would not take the lead over the academic planning. J. Saliba offered the Senate as a vehicle for the faculty, staff, and students to have more consultation on the planning and positioning process. Everyone is welcome to voice their opinions at the Academic Senate meeting on September 12. J. Saliba invited D. Curran, F. Evans, and J. Baker from the Richards Group to join the discussion at the September 12 Academic Senate meeting.

5. UDit Strategic Plan: The Executive Committee established to review the Udit Strategic Plan met to discuss T. Danford's plan. As a whole, the group would like Udit to be a service organization, would like the unit to prioritize on a daily basis, develop a benchmark, and create a web site to report downtimes. There is a concern that there is disconnect with EIT in the College and a lack of a disaster recovery plan. The faculty also prefers using Portfolio to Colleague.
6. Updates on the Academic Calendar: S. Dandaneau reported that the new Calendar Committee developed four proposals:
 - (a) keep the integrity of finals week. This item is a priority.
 - (b) review the article in The Chronicle – "Reclaiming Fridays"
 - (c) keep in mind the rhythm of the academic lifestyle, breaks, holidays, etc.
 - (d) create a permanent committee to advise the Registrar.

Another issue that would be dealt with later would be allowing students to walk at graduation and sending their diplomas by mail after the ceremony.

Open forums will be held for faculty, staff, and students concerning the calendar and negative articles that appeared in the Princeton Report about the University students' lifestyles.

The committee will formulize a resolution and present it to the ECAS and have it ready for vote by the December meeting of the Academic Senate.

7. Finalize Updating Issues Letter to Academic Senate Representatives and Prioritize Items: The committee was asked to review a letter by J. Saliba listing issues that will be reviewed by the Academic Senate subcommittees in the fall semester. He has asked J. Rapp and H. Gerla to prioritize each of the issues for their committees. The committee decided to share this letter with all of the faculty.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: J. Rogatto