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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON  
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

November 5, 2003 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in St. Mary's 113B

PRESIDING: Joe Saliba

SENATORS PRESENT: Dandaneau, Eloë, Gauder, Gerla, Hall, Kocoloski, Morman, Partlow, Pestello, Rapp, Saliba, Yungblut

1. Opening Prayer: L. Yungblut opened the meeting with a prayer by St. Thomas Aquinas.
2. Approval of ECAS Minutes for October 22, 2003: The October 22, 2003 minutes were approved as written.
3. Announcements: The Faculty Meeting, sponsored by the Academic Senate, will be held on Friday, November 14 at 3:00 p.m. in the Ballroom. The agenda will focus on the direction of the strategic planning, transitions within the university and the searches taking place, pricing options and new money available, and a facilities presentation. In the future, it would be helpful to have data and informational meetings first in order that the faculty can study and review the numbers presented and be more informed to ask questions at the faculty meetings.

J. Saliba would like the ECAS to support the process of formalizing the new vision beyond 2005. S. Wilkinson will write the new vision crafting it from the feedback D. Curran gets from the Provost's Council and the strategic planning web site.

4. Old Business: The ECAS reviewed each of the committees' issues -  
*Calendar Committee: Finals Week*: S. Dandaneau, with a select group from the Calendar Committee, will complete writing the formal legislative proposal concerning Finals Week which would change the current policy entirely. The proposal on the issue of commencement and diplomas will be a consultative proposal. It is hoped that these proposals will be sent to the Academic Senate for approval in December.  
*Academic Policies Committee: Broad-based LL.M. and Masters of the Study of Law*: J. Rapp reported that he distributed the Law School proposal to his committee and he has had no comments back from them. He is hoping that it will be ready for a ballot before the Senate in December.  
P. Eloë stated that he is working on another proposal for a Masters in Science in Math Education – a summer program - and would like it to be presented to the APC soon to be ready for a vote in December and passed to the Board of Trustees in January, 2004.

Last Day to Add Classes: The APC will be meeting on November 10 to talk with T. Westendorf, Registrar, to discuss this issue. This might affect the structure of the new student orientation. The proposal will be a recommendation to the registrar.

Last Day to Withdraw with W Grade: This issue will be reviewed by the APC and SAPC. It is felt that withdrawing four weeks after the midterm is too late in the semester.

Student Academic Policies: Extending Library Hours During Finals Week: The SAPC would like to research having the library's first two floors, plus stacks, open 24 hours a day for nine consecutive days, ending with the last day of finals, two times a year. Alternative places to have open for study rooms would be in the Kennedy Union conference rooms, cafeterias, and Virginia Kettering. The SAPC will ask E. Garten to check on extra cost of keeping the library open beyond 2:00 a.m. as it is now, and will ask B. Burt for an estimate of cost for extra security. The SGA might be able to provide security as monitors. After all the data is in, a consultative proposal will be written.

Doubling Monetary Value of Alcohol Fines During Finals Week: This issue will be reviewed and a legislative proposal will be drafted.

Diagnostic Student Assessment of Instructional Forms: This issue is still being reviewed. The concern is that this assessment may be the possible sole determinant used for annual raises and tenure promotions.

Faculty Affairs: Clear Language for Replacements for Vacant Senate Seats: A proposal will be written that will state how a replacement will be chosen to take the place of someone who can no longer continue in his/her term on the Senate. Language will also state the length of that replacement's term. The faculty will be notified in the future of all legislative academic policies before it goes for a vote in the Senate.

5. New Business:

*Add Position of Vice President of Research to Members of Academic Senate:* It was suggested that the Vice President of Research be seated as an ex-officio on the Senate.

*Students' Transcripts as Permanent Records:* The decision was made by the ECAS that the records of students will remain permanent and no one can change them. There was an instance where a student who had been on academic probation for the undergraduate degree was applying to graduate school and the notation on the transcript about the probation was hurting his/her chances to get into graduate school.

*NSSE Questionnaire Involvement:* This survey will give the University the ability to assess the students' levels of engagement in the academic process. It was fully endorsed by the ECAS. A copy of the survey will be sent to the members for their review.

*Positioning & Branding – Faculty Concern:* The faculty is concerned that the survey developed by the Richards Group does not “meet rudimentary standards for search methodology” and with the assistance of the academic areas.

6. There will not be a meeting on Wednesday, November 12.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jane Rogatto

