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

January 22, 2004 – 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. in St. Mary's 113B

PRESIDING: John Rapp

SENATORS PRESENT: Anderson, Biddle, Biers, Eloë, Gauder, Gerla, Hallinan, Kocoloski, Rapp, Yungblut

1. Opening Prayer: J. Rapp said two short prayers for N. Holmes, a student who died recently and for S. Dandaneau for his recovery from his illness.

2. Approval of ECAS Minutes for December 10, 2003: The December 10, 2003 minutes were approved as amended.

3. Announcements:

a. P. Donnelly will take S. Dandaneau's position on the Academic Senate for the winter term while Dandaneau is ill.

b. The Faculty meeting on Budget Decisions will be held on Friday, January 23, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. in KU East Ballroom.

4. Old Business:

Calendar Committee: L. Hartley has been appointed chair of the Calendar Committee in S. Dandaneau's absence. Several projects that they will be reviewing are:

- How to fuse the new Student Orientation into the fall calendar
- Invite a speaker during orientation
- Reclaiming Fridays – a suggestion is to have a common meeting time at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays so there would be more classes held on Fridays. Also more two a week classes could be conducted.
- Make Friday a serious academic day.

Student Evaluations of Faculty: J. Untener, Associate Provost, has asked to meet with the ECAS to discuss this issue. There is concern from the faculty and the students about what is the role of these evaluations, how effective are they, are they a good assessment of the teaching quality, and what is the end result?

Committee Reports - Projects for Winter Semester:

- Academic Policies Committee (APC) – D. Biers is now the chair of this committee. This committee will be discussing the following issues:
 - Revision of the last day to add classes
 - Withdrawal from class four weeks after midterm
 - Definition of academic probation
 - Thematic clusters – This issue was to be reviewed a year ago.

- It was suggested that a new committee be formed separate from the General Education Committee to review thematic clusters.
 - Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) – This committee will propose several changes to the Academic Senate constitution in regards to:
 - Succession of a senator who is out on leave or sabbatical
 - Reword the requirement to have a general faculty constitutional amendment meeting before the Senate votes on a particular amendment
 - Review the change of the Dean of Graduate Studies and VP of Research position and decide if the VP of Research should have voting privileges or be an ex-officio.
 - Copyright guidelines
 - Discuss the format of the Academic Senate November Faculty meeting and give suggestions to changing the structure.
 - Student Academic Policies Committee (SAPC) – This committee will review students' evaluations of faculty and discuss the last day to withdraw from a class with a W. They will also consider the summer school proposal dealing with the equity of classroom hours.
5. New Business:
- Calendar Amendment: D. Bickford proposed an amendment to the Final Examination Week (Document no. I-03-10) to include a clause for students with disabilities. The ECAS approved the 6a. proposal.
 - K. Hallinan was approved to be the Engineering representative to the General Education Committee.
 - Excellence Funds: A short discussion ensued about the money that has been approved to fund a proposal for the Faculty Development Committee and the \$25,000 to support Academic Excellence.
6. Next Week's ECAS Meeting Agenda:
- Committee Reports
 - February 6 Academic Senate Agenda
 - Funds for Academic Excellence (Proposal from Faculty Development Committee)

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jane Rogatto