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

February 19, 2004 – 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. in St. Mary's 113B

PRESIDING: John Rapp

SENATORS PRESENT: Biddle, Biers, Eloë, Gauder, Hallinan, Kocoloski, Rapp,

1. Opening Prayer: J. Rapp asked for a moment of silence.
2. Approval of ECAS Minutes for February 12, 2004: The February 12, 2004 minutes were approved as written.
3. Announcements:
 - a. F. Pestello sends his apologies for not being able to attend ECAS meetings because of his busy schedule.
4. Old Business:
 1. *Follow-up on Academic Excellence Funds Discussion*: There were no questions or further discussion on this topic.
 2. *Committee Reports*:
 - Calendar Committee*: The committee will meet on February 24 to discuss the second semester of the 2003-04 academic year. There is still a concern about when the semester should start – Monday or Wednesday. The decision must be made by March 1. The ECAS will review the calendar at next week's meeting. The first semester's calendar is essentially done.
 - *Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)*: There was no report given.
 - *Academic Policies Committee (APC)*: The committee approved the proposed revision of adding classes up to the fifth day of classes. A proposal for a new graduate degree program, "Professional M.S. in Mathematics Education Program Development Plan" will be reviewed by the ECAS and will go before the full Academic Senate in March. T. Westendorf and P. Martin will be invited to the APC meeting to discuss the withdrawal from a class up to four weeks. Thematic clusters must be reviewed and APC is to set up the process. The committee will discuss an issue of those students who are short a small number of credit hours to graduate, but would like to walk in the graduation ceremony.
 - *Student Academic Policies Committee (SAPC)*: There was no report given.
5. New Business:
 - *Summary of International Discussions*: A summary of the conversations on International Programs written by F. Shereen was distributed. ECAS suggested

they should wait to see what the final version of *Vision 2010* says about international programs; the ECAS and Academic Senate are not responsible to create programs; and possibly thematic clusters could be created with international programs in mind.

- *Graduation Petition from Parent*: S. Johnson wrote to J. Rapp concerning students who have not completed all their credit hours required for graduation. He suggested that if a student is permitted to walk without enough credit hours, the limit of hours to be completed after graduation should be no more than seven. Is it feasible to relax the rules for May 2004 graduation for those students? This will be sent to the full senate as an amendment to Issue I-03-12. The committee thought that seven credits might be too high, the student should be registered for the missing classes the following summer at UD or another college, and exceptions can be made by the deans.

S. Johnson also wrote that students having more than two finals in a day shouldn't be a problem. He states that when the student signs up for a class he knows when the final will be given. The ECAS pointed out some problems with this: some classes are required and there may not be other time choices; students who sign up for classes toward the end of scheduling due to their last name may not be able to manipulate their schedules and, therefore, will have multiply tests.

- *Should Bells Be Rung to Dismiss Classes*: The ECAS was asked their opinion if bells should be rung to dismiss classes. Most of the members said they had no objection to turning off the bells, but would leave it up to each dean's discretion.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jane Rogatto