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Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate

October 16, 2006

St. Mary's 113 B; 10:00 AM

Present: J. Biddle, D. Biers (presiding), D. Courte, P. Johnson, W. Lockett, M. Morton, R. Penno, F. Pestello, A. Seielstad, R. Wells

Roll Call:

Ten of the twelve members of the Committee were present.

Prayer:

D. Biers opened the meeting with a prayer about decision-making.

Approval of Minutes:

October 1, 2006 approved with minor corrections. D. Biers asked that typing correction be sent to the Secretary in advance of the meeting.

Announcements:

- D Biers reminded members that the search process for the VP for Enrollment Management required that they review materials on October 25 in the Provost office and attend a meeting October 26 from 5:30 until 8:00 PM. That meeting is in SM 113B. Members will be asked to sign a statement of confidentiality. D. Biers will develop a form for note-taking that will reflect the job description. This will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Old Business:

The following reports were received:

- D. Biers reported for the Provost Council. He supplied the agenda for the meeting of October 10. Minutes of September 26 were not approved and so are not available. Two issues from the agenda are significant for the academic Senate. (1) Kathy Webb, Dean of the Libraries, is constituting a working committee to review future directions for the University libraries. There is a request that a young member of the faculty who is on the Executive Committee serve on this committee. D. Courte agreed to serve. It was noted that this group does not replace the current Library Committee. (2) The Campus Master Planning process is underway. The Executive committee had a lengthy discussion of what, if any, role it could play in this process. D. Biers will consult with the Planning Steering Group and arrange a time for them to meet with the Executive Committee.
- D. Biers reported that the Calendar Committee will make recommendations on the start of the 2007-08 academic year at its meeting on October 27. These will be forwarded to the Academic Policies committee for review on November 9. Their recommendation will be considered by the Executive Committee on Nov. 13 with a recommendation then sent to the Provost Council for decision on November 28.

- The Committee reviewed the meeting of the Academic Senate on October 13. It was noted that the document on a Tenure and Promotion committee will need revision based on questions and issues raised.

New Business:

D. Biers distributed a letter and document received from P. Meyers regarding the Post-tenure Review Document. The letter and document will be combined and numbered as DOC 06-11. The document will be assigned to all standing committees with primary responsibility to the Faculty Affairs Committee of the Academic Senate. The action will be determined after the standing committees make decisions about the final form of the document. The Faculty Affairs committee is asked to pay particular attention to the Implementation Alert in the accompanying letter.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Johnson, Secretary