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Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate

January 18, 2007

St. Mary's 113 B; 12:00 AM

Present: D. Biers (presiding), D. Courte, G. DeMarco, P. Johnson, M. Lofton, W. Lockett, R. Penno, A. Seielstad, R. Wells

J. Farrelly (Faculty Board)

Roll Call:

Nine of the twelve members of the Committee were present.

Prayer:

D. Biers opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

January 11, 2007 approved.

Announcements:

- The meeting with R. Perales with the Executive Committee to provide a progress report on the Campus Master Plan has not yet been scheduled.

Old Business:

The following reports were received:

- R. Penno reported that the Academic Policies Committee will meet on Monday, January 22. The Executive Committee requested an update on the subcommittee structure that they are proposing for review of HIR recommendations.
- W. Lockett reported that the Student Academic policies committee will meet on Friday, January 19. The Executive Committee requested that they set a timeline for the process of developing the Honor Code.
- D. Biers indicated that he would be establishing a committee to work on ECAS procedures and the handling of issues. The issue of University Committees also still needs to be brought back to the Executive Committee.
- D. Biers reported on the meeting of the Faculty Affairs Committee that was held on January 18. The Committee is continuing to revise "University Committee to Review Policies and Procedures for Promotion and Tenure." He reviewed the most recent draft and revisions with the Executive Committee. Members of the executive Committee suggested that the process for hiring a faculty member with an initial contract that grants tenure might need to be included in the document. They also suggested that joint appointment might need to be included. A more fundamental question was raised about what problem or issue is being addressed in the formation of this committee. There was extended discussion related to this question. It was suggested that if the issue is consistency across units, then this document may need to

specify the areas in which there should be consistency or this issue may call for the appointment of a task force to gather data and formulate a report. The Committee will continue this discussion next week.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Johnson, Secretary