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Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate

January 25, 2007

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

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

J. Farrelly (Faculty Board)

Roll Call:

Eleven of the twelve members of the Committee were present.

Prayer:

D. Biers opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

January 18, 2007 approved with minor corrections.

Announcements:

- D. Parker has resigned from the Academic Senate. His replacement needs to be identified.
- Elections for members of the Executive Committee for next year will be for the representatives from the School of Education and Allied Professions, the School of Engineering, and the division of Social Sciences in the college of Arts and Sciences.

Old Business:

D. Biers and P. Johnson reported on the current draft of the "University Committee to Review Policies and Procedures for Promotion and Tenure." The Executive Committee had a lengthy discussion of this version of the document. Questions were raised about the need for such a committee and whether or not this change is good for the faculty and the University. It was suggested that we may need to gather more information in order to determine what processes and procedures might appropriately be made consistent across the University. The pre-tenure review process is one important issue to consider. It was decided that D. Biers will report on the current status of the work of the Academic Senate at the University Faculty meeting on January 26 and that the document will be placed on the agenda for the February 9 meeting of the Academic Senate for update and discussion purposes.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Johnson, Secretary