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Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate

August 30, 2007

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

Present: D. Biers (presiding), T. Eggemeier, P. Johnson, J.O'Gorman, R. Penno, A. Seielstad, R. Wells

J. Farrelly (Faculty Board)

Guest: J. Untener

Roll Call:

Seven of the twelve members of the Committee were present.

Prayer:

The meeting opened with a period of silent meditation.

Approval of Minutes:

April 19, 2007 approved.

August 23, 2007, approved.

Announcements:

- Robert Larson will replace Elizabeth Gustafson for one year as an SBA representative to the Academic Senate.
- The figures compiled by George Doyle on GPAs since the implementation of +/- grading were distributed. R. Penno asked if these could be broken down by school.
- The revised assessment plan has been made available to the Executive Committee. P. Johnson asked that that 1995 plan also be distributed for purposes of comparison.

New Business:

J. Untener reported on the Higher Learning Commission Self-Study Report. He reported that the team will use the faculty lounge in the School of Law for it's meeting room. He asked that the Academic Senate help with the following:

- There is a faculty open forum on September 17 in the Barrett Dining room from 4:30 to 5:45. Bob Penno and Jack O' Gorman will be present to help the session begin and end. No one who might inhibit the discussion will be present. The Provost's office will promulgate information about this session.
- Meetings on Faculty Leadership and Governance will take place on Tuesday, September 18, at 1:45. Officers of the Academic Senate, AAUP, the Faculty Board, and the Faculty Hearing Committee will be asked to participate. Those participating will be finalized at the next meeting of ECAS. R. Wells will attend to report on the relationship between the Academic Senate and the Faculty Board.

- Meetings regarding the University Assessment Committee will include discussions of the movement of issues arising out of the “Habits of Inquiry” document through appropriate University channels.
- J. Untener noted that the second volume of the report contains section on assessment and diversity that may be of particular interest to members of ECAS.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Academic Policies Committee: Dave Biers reported for the Committee. He is not a member of the Committee but, as President of the Academic Senate, attended the last meeting of the Committee. The Standing Committee met on Wednesday, August, 29 to discuss the structure for the review of DOC-I-06-09. APC had developed a working committee structure, reviewed by ECAS, that focused on the various recommendations of the document. Biers reported that the Committee had discussed this structure and decided that a single committee, rather than multiple committees, would best serve the work of reviewing the important issues. It was noted that a quorum was present and consensus supported this change in process. APCAS suggests a representative committee of eight members. The proposal is that this group would be appointed and charged with delivering a draft proposal by September 2008. The Provost is being asked to support members appointed to this working group with release time and summer funding.

After considerable discussion the Executive Committee decided to ask the Academic Policies Committee to submit a draft proposal that includes a charge to the proposed committee.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Johnson, Secretary