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## [Approved October 25, 2007]

# Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate October 18, 2007 St. Mary's 113 B; 12:00 PM

Present: D. Biers (presiding), T. Eggemeier, A. Fist, P. Johnson, R. Kearns, L. Laubach, R. Penno, A. Seielstad, T. Stevens, R. Wells

J. Farrelly (Faculty Board)

#### Roll Call:

Ten members of the Committee were present.

#### Prayer:

The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Tom Eggemeier.

# **Approval of Minutes:**

October 4, 2007 approved.

#### Announcements:

- Members of ECAS are asked to provide P. Johnson with any addition to the list of matters to be treated in a Senate procedures document. A. Seielstad and R. Wells offered to help with the drafting of the document.
- R. Penno asked all ECAS members to read the submission regarding the University Nominating Committee, especially viewing the committee composition with the end of creating a more diverse and inclusive pool of candidates.

#### New Business:

- T. Eggemeier presented the "Guidelines for the Development of Course-Based Graduate Certificate Programs." Members of ECAS raised a number of informational questions. It is the case that the University currently is offering some certificate programs, but these are not being transcripted. The document would formalize the process for defining a certificate program at the graduate level as well as setting the guidelines for admission and course requirements. It is proposed that there be three types of certificates: free-standing, certificates awarded within a graduate degree program, and certificates that build on successful completion of a degree program. Again, it was indicated that all three types of certificates currently are being granted. It was moved and seconded that ECAS table the document and return to it at the next meeting to consider how to handle the document. It was suggested that ECAS could take action without sending it to the full Senate; it could be assigned to APCAS for review; or it could be sent directly to the Academic Senate for action. The request was made that information be provided by the registrar as to how other institutions are transcripting similar certificates at the graduate level.
- The agenda for the meeting of the Academic Senate meeting on October 26 will include: DOC. 07-01 Changing Reporting of Grade in Progress from 'P' to 'IP'; a presentation by

T. Skill on the notebook requirement; and a Senate Discussion on DOC. 06-11 Post Tenure Review. The purpose of the discussion will be to get feedback on the statement of philosophy that has been developed by FACAS and that has been reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

# Old Business:

**Standing Committee Reports** 

- R. Penno reported for the **Academic Policies Committee**. The Committee did not meet this week. It will meet next week to discuss DOC 07-02 University of Dayton Assessment Plan. ECAS discussed the use of the learning goals from *Habits of Inquiry* and ask R. Penno to convey the request that this be reviewed carefully as part of the process. The concern is that these have not been approved by the Academic Senate as definitive goals for guiding curricular development or the assessment of such curriculum. APCAS should be sure the J. Untener is invited for this discussion.
- R. Wells reported for the **Faculty Affairs Committee**. The Committee did not meet this week but presented the first part of DOC 06-11 to the Board of Trustees. The sense of those who attended the Board Meeting was that this was well-received. It was noted that the approach is well-aligned with Marianist principals and practices. DOC 06-10 University Promotion and Tenure Policy will go to the Board on October 19.
- A. Fist reported for **Student Academic Policies Committee.** The committee will meet on October 29 at 4:10 PM. They hope to get a draft of the Honor Code to ECAS very soon.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Johnson, Secretary