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[Approved November 29, 2007]

Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
November 15, 2007
St. Mary's 113 B; 12:00 PM

Present: D. Biers (presiding), T. Eggemeier, A. Fist, R. Kearns, L. Laubach,
J. O'Gorman, R. Penno, T. Stevens, R. Wells

J. Farrelly (Faculty Board)

Guests:

D. Bickford (Associate Provost), J. Borgwardt (Leadership UD, UDRI)

Roll Call:

Nine members of the Committee were present.

Prayer:

The meeting opened with a prayer offered by D. Biers.

Approval of Minutes:

November 8, 2007 approved.

Old Business:

Report from Provost Council:

D. Biers reported that ECAS will be asked to provide feedback on policy decisions regarding the University's web development strategy. Specifically, the Provost Council will request feedback on the information to be included in the faculty profiles.

New Business:

D. Bickford introduced and facilitated a discussion on the components of the 2008 Welcome Weekend. D. Bickford and A. Schmeling are developing a welcome experience that will set high expectations for the first-year students and prepare them for their college experience. The three key messages include; 1) the importance of academics and intellectual engagement, 2) the impact of relationships with others on success, and 3) the value of engagement in service activities. The intention is that orientation related experiences will be integrated throughout the first year.

ECAS was asked to identify important components of Welcome Weekend and offered ideas in the following areas:

- Focus on learning, academic standards, and Marianist values through interaction with faculty, administration, and Marianists.
 - Schedule the convocation and book read during the first semester
- Advising, placement exams, course schedule, and familiarity with location of classes
- Social time to meet and get to know other students.

Reports from the standing committees:

R. Penno noted that there was no report from the **Academic Policies Committee** and reminded ECAS that both the Certificate Program and the Assessment Plan have been approved by the committee.

D. Biers reported for the **Faculty Affairs Committee**. The committee began its discussion of the Evaluation of Teaching for Promotion, Tenure, and Merit document. The committee recommended asking the Senate for discussion/feedback regarding the measurement of learning outcomes.

On November 29 the committee will meet with F. Pestello, Provost, to discuss the Peer Consultation document.

A. Fist reported for the **Student Academic Policies Committee**. The meeting with Sr. Schmeling has been postponed, so the committee has been discussing the Honor Code electronically. The committee will provide feedback on the Evaluation of Teaching document.

Tom Burkhart will be invited to attend the ECAS meeting scheduled for November 29 to discuss key budget issues.

L. Laubach and T. Stevens announced that the list of committees will be distributed for feedback.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Wells (for Patricia A. Johnson, Secretary)