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Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate

April 2, 2008

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

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

J. Farrelly (Faculty Board)

Roll Call:

Eight members of the Committee were present.

Prayer:

The meeting opened with J. O’Gorman reading from Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Approval of Minutes:

March 26, 2008 approved.

Announcements:

- D. Biers reported that he had met with D. Curran regarding the process for appointing an interim Provost and for conducting a search for a Provost. The Academic Senate will be involved in some way, as yet to be determined, in the search process.

Old Business

- J. O’Gorman and D. Biers reported on the status of proposed changes to the Humanities Base and competency English requirements. O’Gorman believed that the Committee on General Education and Competencies had approved all documents related to this proposal. He is on the committee and will check about this. If this is the case, then the next step is for those documents to be sent to the executive Committee (see minutes of February 20, 2008).
- J. O’Gorman reported for the Academic Policies Committee. They continue to receive reports from the subcommittee working on a common academic program (see the posted minutes of the academic Policies Committee for accounts of these reports). They are working on the Honors and Scholars Program document.
- R. Wells reported for the group of faculty working with F. Pestello to find the best way to resolve the concerns about making library resource materials being used by the subcommittee working on curriculum revisions available to the University community. They have reached an agreement that seems workable. She will summarize her understanding of that agreement and confirm it with the other members so that both APCAS and ECAS can be informed of the resolution.

New Business:

- A. Fist presented the document on the Honor Code that had been distributed to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee discussed the current draft and made several suggestions for revision. The document will be on the agenda of the April 16

meeting for finalization so that it can be placed on the agenda for the last meeting of the Academic Senate in April

- The Executive Committee briefly reviewed the March 26 draft of the Processes and Procedures document. All suggestion should be sent to P. Johnson so that this document can also be finalized at the April 16 meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Johnson, Secretary