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Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate

April 16, 2008

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

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

Guest: D. Curran

Roll Call:

Nine members of the Committee were present.

Prayer:

The meeting opened with L. Laubach offering a prayer for justice and peace.

Approval of Minutes:

April 2, 2008 approved.

President Curran met with the Committee to provide an update on the process for replacing the Provost. There will be a national search. Internal candidates may apply. He will announce this formally to the University community in the next week. A search committee will be appointed. They will work with a search firm and will have full responsibility for determining the finalists for the position. There will be a one-year interim appointment. This appointment will be announced within the next two weeks. This person will be able to apply for the position. The President will carry out a review of the portfolio of the Provost and will work with the search committee in finalizing a job description. The President expects to take on some of the current responsibilities of the Provost during the interim period. D. Curran excused himself and F. Pestello joined the meeting after this discussion

Announcements:

- D. Biers reported that there is still no clarity about the status of the proposal on revisions in the English Competency and Humanities Base requirements. He will try to have that for the final meeting of the Executive Committee. If there is intent to pilot a program next fall, that needs to be brought to the Executive Committee.

New Business and Setting of Agenda for April 25 Meeting of the Academic Senate:

- A. Fist presented revisions to the document on the Honor Code. The Executive Committee discussed the document. T. Eggemeier reported that the Graduate Leadership Council was not prepared to apply this to graduate students at this point. After considerable discussion, it was decided to consider the document for undergraduate student's only. A. fist will get the revised document to P. Johnson for posting and for consideration at the April 25 meeting of the Academic Senate. It is DOC I-05-01.

- The Executive Committee reviewed the document of “Processes and Procedures for the Academic Senate.” Several additions and corrections were made. It will be brought to the Academic Senate for consideration at the April 25 meeting. It is DOC-07-05.

L. Laubach asked that reviewing the election process in the Constitution of the Academic Senate be placed on the agenda for the next academic year.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Johnson, Secretary