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Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate  
October 6, 2008  
St. Mary's 113 B; 1:00 PM

Present: P. Benson, D. Biers, D. Darrow (presiding), G. Doyle, H. Gauder, N. Jolani, R. Kearns, L. Laubach, A. Seielstad

Absent: J. Greenlee, A. Reichle, J. Saliba

Guest: J. Farrelly (Faculty Board)

Roll Call: Nine out of twelve members of the committee were present.

Prayer: Dave Darrow opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of September 29, 2008 were approved as written.

Announcements: Dave Biers announced that a position profile for the Provost is on-line at provostsearch.udayton.edu, and the committee is actively recruiting candidates. The campus community will be asked to forward nominations. The deadline for submission of applications is November 20, 2008. The committee expects to hold confidential interviews in early December.

Committee Reports:

Academic Policy Committee

1. The APC is in the process of setting up open forums for discussion on the Common Academic Program.
2. A web-based discussion page for the CAP is also under construction

Faculty Affairs Committee

1. Will meet on October 7 to discuss the Maternity Leave Policy and the Stop-the Clock Policy.

Student Academic Policy Committee

1. Still not able to meet with a quorum of members.
2. Will look at two issues: faculty evaluation and Honor Code for upper-class students.

Old Business

Faculty Handbook: J. Farrelly “volunteered” to review the Faculty Handbook for organization, potential problems, out-of-date material, misinformation, etc. He will deliver a report to the ECAS for disposition of his findings. It was suggested that it would be good to have an individual record these results so that they may be passed on to future ECAS's.

New Business

Discussion Luncheon for New Faculty: The Faculty Board is asking ECAS to co-sponsor a luncheon to help young faculty to better understand the nature of the university and to encourage them to become involved. The timing would probably be mid November and would likely include several faculty speakers. Several members of ECAS said that they would be willing to participate.

Open Discussion at Senate Meetings: It was pointed out that at recent senate meetings there seemed to be little discussion (especially points of disagreement) on policies that are

voted on at the same meeting, e.g., the Honors and Scholars Policy. Policies seem to pass with unanimous or near unanimous agreement. The following points were made.

1. Disagreements are strongly voiced in the committees, and the senate often takes the results as a policy that has been worked through and a consensus reached in committee.
2. There have been issues in the past that were very contentious on the senate floor, with the senate voting only 60/40 for passage.
3. A sense of the senate has been used in the past to allow senate members to raise issues about a certain policy without a vote being taken.
4. It was suggested that there may be some faculty/students who do not want to speak against a policy supported by their deans.
5. It was suggested that a minority report be given when a policy is brought to the floor of the senate.
6. It was suggested that a written report from each subcommittee be distributed before the meeting to give senators a chance to read over the issues. Hopefully, this action would encourage more discussion during the committee presentations.
7. Important senate issues could be discussed at open meetings before being brought to the senate floor, e.g. reconstitute the Friday afternoon discussions.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Monday, October 13, 2008 at 1:00 pm in St. Mary's 113 B;

Respectfully Submitted By:

George R. Doyle, Jr.

Secretary of the Senate