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Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
November 24, 2008
St. Mary's 113 B; 1:00 PM

Present: P. Benson, D. Biers, D. Darrow (presiding), H. Gauder, J. Greenlee, , R. Kearns, L. Laubach, A. Reichle, J. Saliba, A. Seielstad

Excused: G. Doyle, N. Jolani

Opening Prayer: David Darrow opened the meeting with a prayer

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of November 17, 2008 were approved as amended.

Announcements: None.

Old Business: See committee reports.

Committee Reports:

1. Academic Policy Committee

- a. The APC continues to collect feedback on the CAP draft report.
- b. The APC awaits feedback from the General Education Committee in re QRC proposal.

2. Student Academic Policies Committee

a. The SAPC presented a revised version of the "Suggested Instructions to be Given to Students Prior to Course Evaluations." ECAS also considered the proposed action plan for revising the evaluation and the evaluation process submitted by the LTC. Kearns reported much student concern with making some substantive changes to the process in the short term. After discussing both these issues, ECAS concluded the following:

1. That the revision process should proceed as a total package, meaning that rather than making piecemeal reforms that the SAPC should approach the topic holistically.
2. That this project should take advantage of what the LTC has to offer, but should be controlled by the Senate.
3. That, using the LTC proposal as a starting point, the SAPC should develop its own timeline for reform that a) assigns the work to a committee under the supervision of the Senate; and b) takes steps to ensure adequate, seamless and continued SGA participation throughout the process.

3. Faculty Affairs Committee

a. Chair Laubach reviewed the maternity leave proposal with HR VP Joyce Carter. He reported that HR was generally supportive of the proposal with the exception of plans in re "summer babies" and multiple-year contracts. ECAS returned the proposal to faculty affairs with a request to make minor changes and resubmit to ECAS.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Monday, December 15, 2008 at 1:00 pm in St. Mary's 113 B;

Respectfully Submitted By:

David W. Darrow
President of the Senate