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Approved
Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
February 7, 2014
SM113B, 9:30-10:45 AM

Present: Paul Benson, Harry Gerla, Emily Hicks, Carissa Krane, Terence Lau, Ed Mykytka, Carolyn Roecker Phelps, Joseph Saliba, Dominic Sanfilippo

Absent: Abdullah Alghafis, Phil Anloague, Linda Hartley

Guests: Jim Farrelly, Andy Slade, David Wright

Opening prayer/meditation: E. Mykytka opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 31, 2014 ECAS meeting were approved.

Announcements:

- Next meeting - February 7, 2014, SM 113B, 9:30-10:45 AM
- Sign up for opening prayer/meditation
- C. Phelps asked for better communication with Faculty Board and AAUP from their respective chairs/presidents
- Annual meeting between Academic Senate President and Chair of the Board of Trustees will be established

Reports

APC: E. Mykytka reported that the committee met on Jan 31st and has accomplished the following:

(1) Degree Programs and Academic Departments: Consolidate & make consistent existing policies. Using feedback from the academic units, the committee agreed upon a few changes and is now finalizing and reformatting this document.

(2) Reviewed the SET Proposal and voted to recommend approval with a few suggested revisions to be conveyed to the APC/FAC/SAPC SET liaisons.

(3) Reviewed and recommended approval of the new business major, International Business Management, subject to a few suggested revisions to be made by the proposers especially with respect to “efforts to attract and retain under-represented groups” as suggested by Senate Document 12-05.

(4) Continued to deliberate on a possible university policy on undergraduate certificate programs. Established a subcommittee and agreed upon some distinguishing characteristics of such programs. The subcommittee is now developing a first draft of a possible policy.

FAC: The committee has not met since the last ECAS meeting.

SAPC: T. Lau reported that the committee will meet on Monday, February 10th to discuss student dismissal for academic dishonesty.

A brief discussion of this issue followed. Since Deans are responsible for dismissals for academic dishonesty, the topic will be discussed at an upcoming Deans' Council meeting.

Old Business:

SET Proposal: D. Sanfilippo made a motion that was seconded by H. Gerla to send the proposal to the Academic Senate as DOC 2014-02. The motion was unanimously approved.

International (formerly Global) Business Management Proposal: C. Phelps and T. Lau noted the additional letters of support from the University Libraries and Enrollment Management that had been added to the proposal package. T. Lau said that Enrollment Management had recommended the change from "global" to "international" in the title of the new major. One of the curricular requirements will be study abroad. A discussion of the option for students to study at the UD China Institute for no additional cost ensued. It was noted that this was made possible because of the existence of UD facilities (housing, classrooms, etc.) in China, unlike other study abroad experiences. Concerns about equity were raised. T. Lau noted that study in China was not a requirement for the major, a study abroad experience anywhere would fulfill the requirement.

E. Hicks made a motion and H. Gerla seconded to move this proposal (DOC 2014-03) to the Academic Senate. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business:

Senate Agenda for February 14, 2014: J. Farrelly suggested that the SET proposal be moved to last on the agenda and ECAS agreed. P. Benson made a motion and H. Gerla seconded to approve the agenda for the February 14th Academic Senate meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Phelps briefly reviewed the Senate-related agenda items for today's joint Academic Senate/Faculty meeting.

C. Phelps brought forward concerns about how the ECAS elections are run that had been communicated to Elise Bernal. After a brief discussion, ECAS decided that a formal, online process was not needed and concluded that there was value in the current face-to-face process. ECAS decided that the suggestion to provide some brief information about each Senator prior to the elections would be valuable so some sort of document will be prepared and distributed.

J. Saliba announced that the fund raising goal for the chapel was almost complete and that demo of the annex would begin soon. Foot traffic patterns will change and the circle will be closed to thru traffic.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Hicks

Work in Progress

Task	Source	Previously assigned	To	Work due	Due
Consultation	ECAS	ECAS	ECAS	Open communication	ongoing

Department Processes	ECAS		APC	Proposal	
Instructional staff titles	Provost's office		FAC		
Information Literacy			ECAS	Charge	
Change in Constitution	ECAS				
SET	ECAS		APC	Proposal	
SET	ECAS		FAC	Proposal	
SET	ECAS		SAPC	Proposal	
SBA merger--IBM	SBA				
Dismissal for academic dishonesty	SBA		SAPC		
Evaluation of administrators	Senator		ECAS		
Anti-discrimination policy	Legal		FAC, SAPC		
Student-run businesses	SBA		SAPC		
Tasks ongoing					
CAP Competency Committee oversight	Senate		APC	Hear monthly reports	
UNRC			ECAS	Hear monthly reports; Emily Hicks, chair	
Summer tuition	Faculty		SAPC	On hold until tuition model is further developed	