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Approved
Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
February 14, 2014
SM113B, 9:30-10:45 AM

Present: Phil Anloague, Harry Gerla, Linda Hartley, Emily Hicks, Carissa Krane, Terence Lau, Ed Mykytka, Carolyn Roecker Phelps, Joseph Saliba, Dominic Sanfilippo

Absent: Abdullah Alghafis, Paul Benson

Guests: Jim Farrelly

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

Minutes: The minutes of the February 7, 2014 ECAS meeting were approved.

Announcements:

- Next meeting - February 21, 2014, SM 113B, 9:30-10:45 AM

Reports

APC: E. Mykytka reported that the committee had not met since the last ECAS meeting.

FAC: L. Hartley reported that the committee met yesterday (Feb. 13) to begin discussing two new assignments: Reviewing the new Nondiscrimination and Anti-harassment policy and procedures and reviewing the new Conduct policy.

Both of these documents are consultative. We have been asked to provide input for the annual review of these policies. Our recommendations will be forwarded to ECAS when we have completed our reviews.

The next FAC meeting will be held on February 27 at 12:00 noon in St. Mary's.

SAPC: T. Lau reported that the committee met on Monday, February 10th to discuss the university non-discrimination and anti-harassment policy. There is concern that a student could be punished for own behavior when reporting behavior of another. Concern was also expressed about whether a student would have options to withdraw or transfer from a class if complaint is made against faculty. T. Lau asked if the policy also applies to study abroad and online classes. The answer was yes.

J. Farrelly stated that the student conduct policies protect the student from retaliation.

J. Saliba reminded everyone about the open forums being held to discuss the policy. He stated that very few faculty have attended so far and asked everyone to encourage faculty to attend.

C. Phelps stated that the UPCC (University Policy Coordinating Committee) met this week. They discussed academic dishonesty. The information will be passed along to the SAPC. According to Bill Fischer, dishonesty is often considered a behavior and is dealt with via the hearing boards. J. Saliba

stated that the issue was discussed by the Deans and they recommend that a uniform process with centralized authority be set up.

The Honor Code was discussed at length. C. Krane stated that although the Honor Code says that students should be dismissed from the Honors Program, no mechanism is in place to implement it. J. Saliba stated that Athletics also has similar regulations. L. Hartley asked about students on scholarship and Honor Code violations. There are no implications for scholarship students with a first offense. T. Lau asked about the implications for group work. The general consensus was that all are implicated. P. Anloague asked if undergraduate offenses transfer to graduate level.

Old Business:

Intellectual Property: C. Phelps announced that there was a slight change in in the IP policy from the UPCC and the proposal before the Senate today. A discussion about the use of the word “class” in the new IP policy and the issue of copyright co-ownership ensued. The new university policy on IP will be sent to the FAC for legislative concurrence.

New Business:

Research Faculty Title: C. Phelps stated that there were some differences between the policy on research faculty drafted by the FAC and the one drafted by UDRI. The UDRI policy draft includes issues of faculty rank and title which are academic issues and as such should be governed by the Provost and academic units. Both policies will be sent to the Deans for their feedback. It will then be assigned to the FAC.

Evaluation of Administrators: C. Phelps provided a draft of a policy for the evaluation of administrators for comment. She reviewed the AAUP website and a few other universities for inspiration/information. J. Farrelly stated that the Senate has no authority over this issue in his opinion. C. Krane disagreed citing the Senate constitution granting the Senate the power to propose and comment on such policies. She stated that faculty should have a voice in the evaluation of Deans, etc. Deans are currently evaluated on a biennial basis—at the midterm of their contract (year 2) and at contract renewal time (year 4). J. Saliba suggested that he, Carolyn, and Joyce Carter work together to create a draft policy to bring back to ECAS. P. Anloague stated that the draft was a step in the right direction. He asked how the evaluation process fit into an accreditation self-study.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 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				
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	