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Approved
Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
January 23, 2015
SM113B, 9:00-10:30 AM

Present: Phil Anloague, Paul Benson, Jim Dunne, Harry Gerla, Linda Hartley, Emily Hicks, Carissa Krane, Laura Leming, Ed Mykytka, Dominic Sanfilippo, Kathy Webb

Absent: Erin Brown

Guests: Corinne Daprano

Opening prayer/meditation: K. Webb opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 16, 2015, ECAS meeting were approved with corrections.

Announcements:

- Next ECAS meeting is Friday, January 30, 2015, 9:00-10:30 am, St. Mary's 113B
- Next ELC meeting is Monday, February 16, 2015, 9:30-11:30 am, President's Suite, KU 316
 - Tentative agenda items: ELC Charter/bylaws, Andy Horner, new VP for Finance, continue discussion of facilities
 - H. Gerla will update the ELC document and send out for comment prior to meeting
- Bro. Tom Giardino, Executive Director of the Association of Marianist Universities, will attend the February 13th ECAS meeting for a 30 minute discussion. He is visiting the Academic Senates of all three Marianist universities.
- Sabbatical replacement for Myrna Gabbe (HUM) TBD
- ECAS has been given time to meet with the Law School Dean finalists. C. Krane will send out invitations with details. One overlaps with February 13th ECAS meeting so ECAS meeting will be abbreviated.
- Faculty Board update: C. Daprano reported that the Board was currently reviewing the bylaws, seeking clarity of their role. Two representatives were suggested for the UNRC: Jason Bourgeois (Libraries) and Shauna Adams (SEHS).

Reports from Committees:

Academic Policies Committee: E. Mykytka reported that the minor feedback from the Senators had been incorporated and that the survey was still on track to go out the week of January 26th. D. Sanfilippo reported that a similar survey for students was in the works via SGA. D. Sanfilippo also stated that student representatives for the standing committees should be in place soon.

The APC will meet at 2 pm on the second and fourth Fridays.

Faculty Affairs Committee: H. Gerla reported that the committee would meet today to discuss the documentation of the Elections Committee.

The FAC will meet at 11:00 am on the first and third Fridays.

Student Academic Policies Committee: L. Leming reported that J. McCombe will be presenting the draft policy to various units in February. The committee will review the feedback and revise the draft with the goal of bringing the document to the full Senate in March.

The committee will continue to meet on Mondays at 9 am as needed (usually every other week).

Old Business:

UNRC Membership Update: C. Krane announced that with the two representatives recommended from the Faculty Board, the committee membership is up to five. E. Mykytka reported that a representative from Engineering is forthcoming. The issue of a member of ECAS being on the UNRC is yet to be resolved. K. Webb suggested that the Chair of the UNRC be a Senator to facilitate reporting. E. Hicks will meet with the new committee to transfer information and answer questions soon.

Information Literacy Task Force: C. Krane reported that there had been no comments from Senators so she will finalize the document. K. Webb, E. Hicks, and Heidi Gauder will call the first meeting. D. Sanfilippo will identify a student representative. J. Dunne stated that he would ask APC to identify a member to serve on the task force.

New Business:

Questions about Campus Safety Alerts: Questions rose at the December Academic Senate meeting about when the campus is told about bias-related incidents. P. Benson stated that he had discussed the issue with Bill Fischer, VP for Student Affairs. B. Fischer indicated that there is a specific protocol used to determine when Public Safety sends safety notices. The incident in question was evaluated and did not meet the protocol guidelines for campus-wide announcement. One concern was that there would be too many announcements and people would begin to ignore them. P. Benson stated that he is open to suggestions about how to inform the community outside of the Public Safety protocol. D. Sanfilippo reported that he heard about it while in England via social media. He said that many students were confused and troubled by the lack of official response or acknowledgement from the university. L. Leming stated that this situation is very much related to the campus climate conversation and asked if anyone was charged with monitoring social media. Perhaps based on that person's/persons' awareness, we should initiate a periodic "climate report" - so more people who access the report could be aware of this type of incident that doesn't rise to the level of a crime, but nevertheless harms the community. P. Benson stated that Student Development and university communications actively monitored social media. It was suggested that the issue be discussed with David Sipusic and possibly the Diversity Council. D. Sanfilippo stated that SGA had discussed the situation and not been able to reach agreement as to how to handle. He agreed that students should take an active role to bring about positive change. P. Benson stated that he planned to address these issues at the upcoming university-wide faculty meeting.

Agenda Items from the Provost Council Meeting (January 20, 2015): C. Krane reviewed several items from the most recent Provost Council meeting.

- The policy on evaluation of academic administrators was passed.
- A proposal for minimum undergraduate English proficiency scores for English Language learners was discussed. The impetus for this proposal is to better align with UD's peer institutions.
- Recommendation 1 from the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification task force to establish the Center for Experiential and Community Engaged Learning (EXCEL) was discussed.
- Preliminary initiatives of the Hanley Sustainability Institute including a graduate certificate in sustainability, undergraduate coursework and experiential education, research programs,

campus sustainability projects, and staffing were discussed. The APC will discuss any implications for academics with Paul Vanderburgh.

- A statement on conducting research at the University of Dayton in light of our Catholic and Marianist values was discussed. C. Krane stated that it had originated in the Board of Trustees Committee on Research. The purpose of this document and its relationship to existing policies on research was discussed by ECAS with no resolution. P. Benson stated that this was an early draft and that there would be opportunity for faculty input. Concern about what research would be prohibited based on this draft was expressed. C. Krane will obtain up-to-date draft of document and invite the authors to ECAS for discussion.

University Policies Coordinating Committee (January 21, 2015): C. Krane reported that 14 current UDit policies were discussed.

February 20th Senate Meeting Agenda: Preliminary ideas:

- Climate Survey Follow Up (P. Benson)
- Discussion of tuition remission policy with HR
- Discussion of tuition exchange program

Senate Resolution or Senate Recognition of Service: J. Dunne proposed a statement of recognition for Dan Curran. C. Krane asked ECAS to consider whether it should be done and if so, the appropriate timing and mechanism.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 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
Instructional staff titles	Provost's office		FAC		
Information Literacy			ECAS	Charge	
AS Constitution revision	ECAS		ECAS		
Dismissal for academic dishonesty	SBA	SAPC	Deans' Council		
Policy for academic certificate programs			APC		
Nondiscrimination & anti-harassment policy	Legal		FAC, SAPC	Comments/recommendations	
Review of Faculty Hearing	ECAS		FAC		

Committees' by-laws					
Academic scheduling task force	ECAS		ECAS	Report	12/15/14
Review ECAS/Senate representation on Elections Committee	ECAS		FAC		
Review ECAS/Senate representation on UNRC	ECAS		FAC		
Tasks ongoing					
CAP oversight	Senate		APC	Hear monthly reports	
UNRC			ECAS	Hear monthly reports	