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Approved Minutes
Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
1 December 2016
2:00-3:30 pm, SM 113B

Present: Jason Pierce, Dori Spaulding, Lee Dixon, Mark Jacobs, Deo Eustace, Joseph Valenzano (Chair), Carissa Krane, Corinne Daprano, Paul Benson, Mateo Chavez, Susan Elliott

Guests: Carolyn Roecker-Phelps, Molly Wilson, Troy Washington, Nancy Miller (LUD), Veronica Champion (LUD)

Absent: Andrea Seielstad

Discussion of the Office of Marketing and Communication: VP Molly Wilson

VP Molly Wilson provided an update on the reorganization of the Office of Marketing and Communication and her new role as VP. Three areas of focus for the Office of Marketing and Communication have been identified: 1.) Continue to focus on EM, 2.) Enhance focus on Advancement/Development, 3.) Prioritize University reputation building and academic excellence. Strategy building teams have been created for each of these three areas. Molly engaged ECAS in a discussion about “What is academic excellence at the University of Dayton?” and “What does reputation building look like at UD?”. Joe Valenzano extended an invitation to Molly Wilson to attend a future Academic Senate meeting.

Discussion of Maternity Leave Policy: Assoc. Provost Carolyn Roecker-Phelps and VP Troy Washington

Carolyn Roecker-Phelps and Troy Washington addressed concerns about the Faculty Maternity Leave policy raised in a signed letter from faculty submitted to the Senate earlier this fall. The discussion began with a review of the Faculty Maternity Leave Policy and comparisons with the Staff Maternity Leave Policy. ECAS engaged in clarifications of the policy in light of the issues raised in the letter. Joe Valenzano recommended that the ECAS will draft of response to the letter to address the issues raised. Troy and Carolyn agreed to review the response letter prior to sending the reply to the authors of the letter.

17 November 2016 ECAS Meeting:

Minutes from 17 November 2016 ECAS meeting were approved without objection.

Spring 2017 ECAS meeting time:

Fridays 1:00-2:30 was the consensus for the weekly ECAS meeting time.

Agenda for 9 December 2016 Academic Senate meeting:

Approved. Clinical Faculty Promotion Policy will be discussed, but no vote on the policy will be held.

ELC meeting on 19 December 2016 will be held, agenda TBD.

The ECAS would like to thank Susan Elliott for taking over Senator responsibilities for Emily Hicks, and expresses a special thanks for Susan’s willingness to take minutes at both the Academic Senate meetings and at weekly ECAS meeting.

Finally, questions about campus/classroom safety protocols, training and policies are placed on the website. It was suggested that faculty/chairs consult with Officer Chapman to request specific information and training for the spaces they and their colleagues occupy. It was also recommended that Molly Wilson be consulted regarding the location and accessibility of safety protocols and policies online.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carissa Krane