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Approved Minutes
Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
24 March 2017
1:00-2:30 pm, SM 113B

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

Excused: Andrea Seielstad

Guests: Carolyn Roecker-Phelps

Announcements:

- Next ECAS meeting is Friday, March 31, 2017, 1:00-2:30 pm
- Next Academic Senate meeting is Friday, April 21, 2017, 3:30-5:30 pm
- Next ELC meeting is Monday, April 24, 2017, 10:30-noon

17 March 2017 ECAS Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from last ECAS meeting were approved with no corrections.

New Business:

Maternity Leave Report Discussion: (Carolyn Roecker-Phelps)

The committee discussed the current reporting process of the Associate Provost for Faculty and Administrative Affairs presenting a detailed report at an Academic Senate or Faculty meeting. Concerns have been raised about reporting leave information about such a small group of people because even though names are not used, it is often easy to recognize the particular faculty member. The Committee agrees that regular reporting of the types of modified duties used and general data about maternity leaves is important and should continue to be reported. However, information of a more personal nature should not be reported.

CAP Assistant Provost Candidate Interviews:

J. Valenzano encouraged ECAS members to participate in the ECAS-specific interviews or other sessions as time allows.

University Honors Program Next Steps:

The committee discussed the report on the state of the University Honors Program after almost a decade of the Senate's new vision for the program. The committee agreed that J. McCombe be invited to present next steps/action items for the program at a Fall 2017 Academic Senate meeting.

Proposed Undergraduate Certificate in Sales Leadership:

The committee reviewed the resubmitted proposal and after discussion agreed to send it the APC for further consideration with a few additional edits.

Information Literacy Task Force Composition Question: (Joe Valenzano)

H. Gauder asked ECAS for further clarification on the composition of the Task Force. After discussion, the committee agreed to populate the committee following the model for the first task force. Most members will be tapped because of their position and/or involvement with CAP. A SGA representative will be included. A co-chair will be chosen from the task force membership.

Senate Constitution Editing Process:

The committee reviewed the suggested edits prepared by E. Hicks. She will make the additional edits and send the next draft to the committee for further review.

SGA News: (Mateo Chavez)

M. Chavez announced that he would be returning to the Academic Senate in his current position for another year. He reported that there were three vacant SGA academic representative positions in Natural Sciences, Engineering, and Humanities. He stated that any help from ECAS in identifying/encouraging students in those schools would be greatly appreciated. He announced that the newly elected SGA President & Vice President were Jamie Vieson & Allen Bruce. Their platform includes:

- Collaborating with diverse groups to promote an inclusive campus
- Better enabling student organizations to obtain SGA funding
- Developing and advancing sustainability initiatives
- Promoting awareness of sexual assault & mental health
- Tackling Aviate concerns

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Hicks