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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

January 11, 2001
Noon in HM 470

PRESIDING: Betty Youngkin

SENATORS PRESENT: Bartlett, Bartley, Dandaneau, Doyle, Dunne, Erdei, Geiger, Gerla, Hary, Youngkin

GUEST: Walker (SGA VPAA)

Psalm 121 was read, followed by a moment of silence.

Introductions

Each attendee introduced himself or herself and stated the constituency represented.

Minutes

The Academic Senate minutes of Jan 5, 2001 were reviewed. One addition was suggested.

Organization

The President of the Senate discussed the general operating procedures of the ECAS and the three committees.

Committee Issues

Faculty Affairs Committee

Faculty Workload Guidelines -- They are receiving input from deans, and working with the Faculty Development Committee.

Dean/Provost Tenure Decisions – long term review
Evaluation of Nonacademic Administrators – A subcommittee will be formed to review these administrator’s effect on academic programs.

Lecture Representative of Academic Senate – Hearings will be held in preparation for a faculty vote later this semester.

AAUP Document – Will look into

Maternity/Paternity Leave – a new issue, now assigned to the FAC.

Student Academic Policies Committee

Academic Senators of SGA/Student Senators on the University Academic Senate -- Reviewing this issue for a vote by the Academic Senate and faculty later this semester.

Change Grading Scheme – Will survey total faculty for their opinion of changing the grading scheme at UD to include + and/or – grades.

Academic Policies Committee

Will be overseeing the General Education and Competencies Committee’s review of General Education

Will be overseeing the General Education and Competencies Committee’s implementation of the Competency Program

Will be involved in Calendar issues.

Change in Academic Senate’s Constitution for election of student senators.

SGA has proposed a change in its constitution to have the three schools and three divisions of the college represented by one student each. It has been requested that these six students would also be the voting undergraduate students on the Academic Senate. While this new SGA change corresponds to the undergraduate distribution on the University Academic Senate, the Academic Senate’s Constitution would have to be amended so that undergraduate student senators of the Academic Senate were elected in the spring and started serving in the following fall. And we would have to include wording to the effect that SGA will supervise the elections.

SGA is also proposing a separate position of Vice-President of Academic Affairs to be elected by all students. Furthermore, SGA is requesting that the Academic Senate establish a seventh undergraduate student position,
specifically for the SGA Vice-President of Academic Affairs. If this were to be a voting position, it would require a change in the Constitution of the Academic Senate.

This matter is referred to the SAPC.

Faculty Survey for Changing the Grading Scheme at UD

At the December 1, 2000 Academic Senate meeting, a straw vote strongly indicated the willingness of the Senate to change the grading scheme to include + and/or – grades. In a letter to be sent to the faculty, information on the grading schemes presented at the Senate meeting of December 1, 2000 is presented. The SAPC is asking that the faculty advise them as to their desire to change grading schemes and to make any general comments.

The ECAS approved the letter with the suggestion that it include a space for the faculty to make general comments.

Respectfully submitted by: George R. Doyle, Jr., Secretary of the Academic Senate