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Approved
Minutes of the Academic Senate
December 4, 2009
Kennedy Union West Ballroom, 3:00 p.m.

Senators Present: D. Darrow, A. Mari, K. Sunday, M. Deady, S. Edwards, G. Knape, R. Kearns, S. Swavey, D. Biers, L. Laubach, V. Jain, J. Huacuja, H. Gauder, J. White, H. McGrew, A. Jipson, L. Snyder, J. Saliba, P. Benson, J. Hess, A. Seielstad, M. Shank, G. Doyle, M. Mullins, R. Wells, B. Duncan, P. Donnelly

Guests: K. Webb, W. Fackovec, D. Conrad, L. Schweikart, J. Farrelly, J. Untener, J. Santamarina, J. Amin, J. Robinson, P. Palermo

Opening Prayer: J. Huacuja opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 23, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Common Academic Program:

P. Donnelly reported for the Coordinating and Writing Task Force (see attachment). All approved CAP Reports are posted on the Academic Senate Quickplace site. George Doyle expressed concerns about the lack of CAP courses that pertain to health issues, technology, and business. Provost J. Saliba is delighted with the faculty engagement in the development of the CAP. His primary concern is that the nine working groups complete their progress reports by the December 15, 2009 deadline.

Standing Committee Reports:

1. APC-J. Huacuja gave the committee report (see attachment) for the APC.
2. FAC-D. Biers gave the committee report (see attachment) for the FAC. Concerns were raised from the audience about the Intellectual Property Policy and was the UDRI policy approved by the Academic Senate. Issues concerning faculty titling are being further discussed by H. McGrew, J. Farrelly, and J. Untener. D. Biers reported that the FAC is not developing a new policy pertaining to post-tenure review.
3. SAPC-R. Kearns reported for the SAPC (see attachment). H. McGrew and J. Hu expressed concerns about policies that are unclear in the faculty handbook that pertain academic dishonesty and plagiarism. J. Hess stated that the University of Dayton needs a central process to deal with issues concerning academic dishonesty.
4. Nominating Committee: A Jipson reported that his committee is working on four major issues: developing an elections committee; recommending an Academic Senate member to serve on the Human Resources Advisory Committee; creating a procedure for the development of policies and procedures for the nominating committee; and looking at best practices from other universities.
5. ECAS-D. Darrow reported that the nominating committee will have a link to the Academic Senate web site; it has been recommended that a member from ECAS and a member from the Faculty Board be appointed as Co-Chairs of the University Elections

Committee. E. Bernal from the Provost's Office will serve as the Administrative Coordinator for the University Elections Committee; the online version of the student evaluation of faculty teaching form is currently undergoing pilot testing with sixteen faculty members who volunteered to have their classes evaluated using this format.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Academic Senate is scheduled for Friday, January 15, 2010 at 3:00 p.m., in Kennedy Union West Ballroom. The Academic Senate meeting of Friday, January 15, 2010 was cancelled.

The next meeting of the Academic Senate is scheduled for Friday, February 26, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in Kennedy Union West Ballroom.

Respectively submitted by: Lloyd Laubach