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Approved (on October 15, 2010)  
Minutes of the Academic Senate  
September 17, 2010; 3 p.m.  
St. Mary's Hall Room 113B

**Present:** Judith Huacuja, Andrea M Seielstad, Bradley D Duncan, Heidi G Gauder, Joseph E Saliba, Leno M Pedrotti, Corinne Daprano, Rebecca Wells, George Doyle, Kimberly Trick, Shawn Swavey, Tony Saliba, Carol Harper, Emily Jirles, Briana Hollis, Art Jipson, Carolyn Roecker-Phelps, Laura Hume, John McCombe, Ruihua Liu, Jim Dunne, Vinod Jain, Stephen Richards, John White, Jonathan Hess, Kevin Kelly, James Pappadakes

**Absent:** Paul Benson, Lisa Kloppenberg, Matthew Shank, Thomas Brady, Sheila Hassel Hughes, David Biers, Katie Trempeke, Kara Dickey, Alex Renner, Heidi McGrew

**Guests:** James Farrelly, Kathy Webb, Ed Mykytka, Thomas Skill

**Opening meditation:** Carolyn Roecker-Phelps opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the April 26 and 30, 2010 meeting were approved.

**Announcements:**

J. Huacuja announced that nominations have been made for the University General Education Committee: namely, Jim Biddle as the School of Education and Allied Professions nominee; and Sue Davis as the Social Sciences nominee.

She welcomed new senators, giving special thanks to student senators and encouraging their active participation. She introduced the following student senators: Katie Trempe, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Emily Jirles (Humanities), Kara Dickey (Natural Sciences), Jim Pappadakes (Business), Carol Harper (Education and Allied Professions), Alex Renner (Engineering), and Briana Hollis (Social Science).

Furthermore, J. Huacuja emphasized the importance of open communication of Senate affairs campus wide, directing members to the Senate website <http://academic.udayton.edu/senate/> for location, meeting dates, committee membership and minutes, issues list, and senate documents and constitution. She recommended reviewing also Senate Doc I-07-05 (procedures of Senate).

**Old business:**

CAP Implementation Report. Having recommended changes to the Common Academic Program last spring, the Senate requested an update on the status of the CAP implementation process. J. Huacuja presented report on behalf of Don Pair, who could not be present for the meeting. Full implementation of CAP is planned for the class entering in Fall 2013. D. Pair forwarded a list of the following top-ten activities taking place since May:

- 1) CAP Communication Plan - communication plan developed and launched. First report sent in LTC newsletter. Progress reports will be sent through Provost and LTC every 2 weeks for next couple semesters.
- 2) LTC support for CAP - LTC Innovation Grant

- 3) Humanities Chairs Action Plan. Completed.
- 4) Science Chairs Action Plan. Science faculty attended Sensor Institute and created action plan.
- 5) CAS - Coordinator for CAP 1<sup>st</sup> Year Humanities. Bill Trollinger appointed for that role.
- 6) CAS - Coordinator for CAP Sciences. Selection process developed for identifying coordinator.
- 7) Assistant Provost search. Soon to be announced and launched.
- 8) Early curricular CAP forays. Business school and CAS convened a seminar led by Fitz to explore practical ethical action. Pat Johnson leads diversity across curriculum initiative. Course pilots are being prepared, evaluated and revised in English Department.
- 9) Learning-Living-Community coordinator. Position description being created. Search to be launched thereafter.
- 10) Director of CAP Instructional Development & Assessment. Position description being developed. Search for this position will soon be announced and launched.

#### Committee Reports:

Academic Policies Committee (APC). John Hess announced that the committee will meet on Mondays once per month beginning at 2 p.m. Sept 27 in KU 331. The 1<sup>st</sup> agenda item will be to review Senate document **I-10-05, Revisions to Graduate Transfer Credits and Related Policies.**

Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC). Rebecca Wells announced that the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting had been held just prior to the September 17 meeting and that the committee will meet twice per month on Fridays from 1-2:30 p.m. in the 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room in the Business School. The committee will consider three issues pending from last year: uniformity in titling of part-time faculty; intellectual property of online courses developed by faculty; and student evaluation of instruction. The committee intends to begin first with the student evaluation of instruction issue, focusing first on the history and context of student evaluation at the University of Dayton and academic literature on the underlying rationales and purposes of student evaluation of faculty teaching before examining the appropriate instrument for measurement.

Student Academic Policies Committee (SAPC). Corinne Daprano announced that the first meeting will take place on Friday Oct. 1 at 9:30 in Frericks Room 6. The first agenda will be to review the status of several issues from last years, including the academic dishonesty form, student evaluation of teaching issue, and results of a pilot project on online evaluation of teaching conducted last year and assessed by David Wright.

University Nominations and Recruitment Committee (UNRC). Art Jipson announced that the committee has met twice in person and once electronically. It developed and presented a draft of policy document to ECAS. Based on suggestions and discussions with ECAS, the committee is in the process of making revisions. It will submit revised doc to ECAS in October. Meetings occur on alternative Fridays at 10 a.m. and Yolanda Copeland of Provost's office for gathering committee info.

Executive Committee (ECAS). J. Huacuja announced that the committee meets weekly at 11:00 in St. Mary's Hall and that meetings are open to everyone. Thus far, ECAS has reviewed and developed a Senate issues list,

received and gave feedback on the proposed revisions to the graduate transfer credit policy, and other committee activities. The most important item it has considered is the Graduate School Senate representation set forth more fully below under New Business.

### **New Business.**

J. Huacuja summarized for the Senate the constitutional issue presented by the University's conversion of the position of the Dean of the Graduate School to Associate Provost & Dean of the Graduate School. She reported that the Senate has always had a dean of graduate school who was a voting member of the Senate. Furthermore, that the present constitution provides that the provost and associate provosts do not have voting representation on the Senate, thereby separating the office of the provost from the Senate. Nonetheless, members of ECAS felt it was problematic not to have graduate school representation on the senate. ECAS therefore approved an emergency temporary measure appointing the Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School to serve as a voting member of the Academic Senate for the Academic Year 2010-2011.

It also formed a subcommittee to address this issue and other constitutional issues, i.e., that while deans generally serve on the Senate as voting members the deans of the library and student services have never been included as voting members. The committee membership is as follows: Brad Duncan, Chair (Engineering); James Dunn (Business); Emily Hicks (Library); Aparna Higgins (Natural Sciences); Stephen Richards, (Education & Graduate School)

Following this announcement, G. Doyle moved that the Senate support ECAS' temporary measure and appoint **the Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School to serve as a voting member of the Academic Senate for the Academic Year 2010-2011.** Following a second by B. Duncan, the measure was approved with 26 members voting for the motion and no one voting against it or abstaining.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Seielstad