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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

November 2, 2001 – 1:00 p.m. in St. Mary’s Hall 113B

PRESIDING: Betty Youngkin
SENATORS PRESENT: Bartlett, Bartley, Dandaneau, Doyle, Dunne, Erdei, Gerla, Hary, Mormon, F. Pestello, Youngkin

1. Opening Prayer: N. Hary lead the Committee members in prayer with “A Simple Prayer Attributed to Saint Francis.

2. Roll Call: Eleven of twelve members were present.

3. Approval of ECAS minutes of October 5, 2001: The minutes were approved as amended.

4. Approval of ECAS minutes of October 19, 2001: The minutes were approved as amended.

5. Announcements:
   ◆ T. Tilley, Religious Studies Department Chair, is asking that the Academic Senate reconsider the cancellation of the August graduation. He says that the Ph.D. candidates are from all over the country and it would be an imposition for them to come back for a graduation. He also maintains that there are MA students who finish their work in the summer.
   ◆ The voting for the part-time faculty for elections to the Academic Senate has been put on hold. It has been difficult to obtain an accurate list of part-time faculty. The full-time and graduate student voting has had no problems. A document explaining the graduate student selection and election of the full-time and part-time faculty representatives was distributed at the meeting. A summary of possible solutions for the part-time faculty voting was also addressed.

6. Questions Generated by the Committee for the Presidential Candidates’ Open Forum: B. Youngkin, as moderator of this forum for faculty, explained how the Presidential Candidates’ Open Forum would be conducted. She asked for questions that would be of interest to the ECAS.

   1. Where do “you” view the University is heading? Do you support the “objectives” of the Vision 2005 Plan or where do you differ?
   2. Are you supportive of the Campus Master Plan that has been “adopted”
for the next ten years?

3. What is the role of the faculty? How do you perceive the University of Dayton as a national leader? How would you raise the endowment and what objectives do you have for the graduate and research programs?

4. If the candidate is not a Marianist, do you follow the Marianist and Catholic Traditions and how would you maintain these traditions versus issues of academic freedom?

The Transition Team has submitted names of committees and boards who may ask questions of the candidates.

7. November 9 Faculty Budget Meeting: The Faculty Meeting will be held Friday, November 9, 2001 in the Sears Recital Hall with a reception following in The Pub. The topic will be Budget Planning.

8. Committee Reports: H. Gerla, Chair of Faculty Affairs Committee, distributed a draft of a proposal that would be an addendum to the faculty sabbatical or leave letter. This addendum would state that all full time faculty are eligible to cast votes in Senate elections. Two options were detailed: “choose not to vote yes or no on any proposals that may arise in your absence, but instead, in advance to cast a vote of ‘abstain’ on any of these matters. If you choose this option, your vote will not be tallied in favor or against any such proposals, but will count toward the necessary quorum for such votes.” The second option “allows you to receive ballots in the normal fashion and to vote for or against any proposals, or to simply refuse to cast a ballot. If you choose the third course, your vote will not be counted toward the necessary faculty quorum.” In addition, the faculty member will submit an address where ballots can be sent.

The meeting was adjourned: 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by J. Rogatto