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Executive Committee Minutes - January 15, 2002

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

January 15, 2002 – 4:30 p.m. in SM 113B

PRESIDING: Brian Conniff

SENATORS PRESENT: Bartley, Conniff, Dandaneau, Dunne, Good, Pedrotti, Pestello

1. Opening Prayer: B. Conniff read from Book 20 of the Koran, Prayer of Moses.
2. Roll Call: Seven of twelve members were present.
3. Approval of ECAS Minutes for December 7, 2001 and January 10, 2002: December 7, 2001 minutes were approved as written. January 10, 2002 minutes were approved as amended.
4. Announcements: It was suggested that the meeting room for the monthly Academic Senate meetings be changed to a larger room. No larger rooms, at this time, are available for the last three meetings of this term, but arrangements for the KU Ballroom or a larger room will be made for next year's Academic Senate schedule.

The chairs of the Academic Policies Committee, the Faculty Affairs Committee, and the Student Academic Policies Committee were asked to compose an issues list for the next meeting.

5. Discussion of Forum on Presidential Search and B. Conniff's Summary: B. Conniff wrote a summary (draft), with F. Evan's signature, of the two forums that were held on Friday, January 11, 2002 which discussed how the forums came to be, listed the issues before the committee, and tried to provide a little interpretation of the forums themselves. He and F. Evans, member of the Presidential Search, were open to the ECAS Senators to field questions, concerns, and feedback about the summary and the forums. The response to the summary was positive and would provide a context of understanding for those people who could not attend the forum.

Discussion centered around recommending ideas in making modifications to the present proposal in designing the "final day" when the final candidate comes to campus. F. Evans presented the Search Committee's sense of the "final day":

- The final day is not designed to be an evaluation.
- It should be understood that consultation was made with faculty, staff and students through the committees interviewing the candidate as their representatives. Information from the committees will be used by the Search Committee in their recommendation.
- There will be no substantive evaluation of the candidate on the morning of the "final day". Feedback forms would be available and given to the Transition Committee to help express the positions and issues the campus faces.
- The Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee will vote and a celebration will be planned at the end of the day.

- The process is much better and a sense of trust and confidence is building in the community. There are a few details that need to be looked at yet.
- Give ample time for students to be incorporated into the decision-making.

Concerns from the Senators:

- ◆ What is the meaning of the Marianist and Catholic identity and do we have a good idea of what it is?
- ◆ How can we prepare questions?
- ◆ When will materials be available? – F. Evans stated that the materials would be available in enough time so that all could review them before interviewing the candidates. The vitas, publications, articles, etc. would be in a locked room so the confidentiality of the candidates would be maintained.
- ◆ What are the hot issues on campus? (Examples: Diversity, international and globalization document, comfort level of new president with modified responsibility budget model.) Discuss this with colleagues.
- ◆ Last Day Issues: Put voting in the morning instead of the afternoon; concern over filling out forms; some sense of affirmation for the candidate from the campus community; clarify the last day to the entire campus. ECAS will discuss and write a draft recommendation for the model of the final day.
- ◆ Do we need another forum? Is more communication needed?

A training day for all those committees (Senior Administration, President's Council, the Deans, ECAS and the SGA) interviewing the candidates will be held on February 5, 2002. The committees will work through all the details of logistics and how to come to a consensus that the final candidate is acceptable.

6. Committee Reports: No reports were given.

The meeting was adjourned: 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by J. Rogatto