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Executive Committee Minutes - January 31, 2002

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

January 31, 2002 – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in SM 113B

PRESIDING: Brian Conniff

SENATORS PRESENT: Conniff, Dandaneau, Dunne, Gerla, Good, Hall, Hallinan, Morman, Pedrotti, Pestello, Sharma

1. Opening Prayer: K. Hallinan recited a prayer.
2. Roll Call: Eleven of twelve members were present.
3. Approval of ECAS Minutes for January 24, 2002: The January 24, 2002 minutes were approved as amended.
4. Announcements: The graduate student senator, V. Sharma, was introduced.
5. Committee Issues/Reports: H. Gerla, Chair of the *Faculty Affairs Committee*, reported that the motion for support for the recommendation brought by Human Resources to change the Tuition Exchange Program will be ready for the Academic Senate's next meeting on February 15, 2002.

The *Student Academic Policies Committee* submitted the minutes of the January 25, 2002 meeting where they decided that S. Bartley, an undergraduate student, would remain the Chair of the committee. Other topics discussed were 18th credit hour, summer course scheduling times, and Academic Advisor evaluations.

J. Dunne, Chair of the *Academic Policies Committee*, reported that the APC discussed the final report "Evaluation of the University General Education Program." It was decided that two subcommittees would be formed. One committee will propose changes to the current General Education Policy to make clearer the role of the new College Associate Dean for Connected Learning in the administration of the General Education Program. The second subcommittee will update the language in the General Education policy and clarify the goals and vision of the University that have changed in the last ten years since the policy was adopted.

6. Honors and Scholars Program Restructuring: S. Dandaneau circulated a memorandum to the ECAS stating an additional Senate action is required. The Senate must approve two new University of Dayton degrees: (1) an Honors Degree for graduates of the new Honors Program; and (2) an Honors Degree, with John W. Berry, Sr., Scholars Program Notation. Two new diplomas and two new transcript designations would have to be created. The Academic Affairs Committee would look at the policy for creating a new degree, ask the Registrar for advise, possibly research what other comparable universities do. It was suggested that seeing a sample notation on the transcript and diploma would be helpful. S. Dandaneau will introduce the Honors and Scholars Program again at the next Senate meeting. It is hoped that the documents for recruitment will be finished by the fall term of 2002 and the program can be implemented fall of 2003.

7. Agenda for February 15 Academic Senate Meeting: A proposed agenda was discussed.

◆ Opening Prayer

- ◆ Roll Call
- ◆ Minutes – January 4, 2002
- ◆ Committee Reports
- ◆ Tuition Exchange Motion
- ◆ Presidential Search
- ◆ Adjourn

8. Presidential Search: Due to the confidential nature of the Presidential Search, minutes for future ECAS meetings until the new President is chosen will be taken at the beginning of the meetings which involves roll call, approval of minutes, announcements, and committee reports. The committee will go into closed session for discussion of specific candidates.

A short timeline was explained to update the senators:

- February 5, 2002 – Confidentiality signing and description of which group has what task in the interviewing, explanation of the Catholic Marianist tradition, and a time for questions on the process.
- February 7, 2002 – ECAS to have regular meeting to continue composing questions.
- Possibly as early as February 8, 2002, senators and the rest of the interviewing groups will have access to materials about the candidates.
- February 14, 2002 – A two-hour meeting is scheduled to fine-tune and finalize questions to ask the presidential candidates.
- February 17, 2002 – Interviewing the presidential candidates will take place in Cincinnati.
- February 18, 2002 – Presentation of the new president.

Possible questions:

1. The University of Dayton's stated goal is to be "A National Leader in Catholic Higher Education." How would you define "National Leader" in this context? What specific steps do you see us taking to achieve this goal? How will we know when we have achieved this goal?
2. One of the key challenges facing the University of Dayton is to achieve greater diversity in the faculty and student body. What successful initiatives have you undertaken to achieve greater diversity in your previous and current positions? What specific steps would you take as President of the University of Dayton?
3. One of the University's strengths has been a fairly large group of faculty, from different disciplines and faith traditions, developing research and teaching related to the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. Please explain how some of your influences in this tradition have shaped your academic work. Explain how, as president, you would cultivate and support work in this field.
4. How do you view the roles of research and graduate education in a Catholic comprehensive University?
5. What have been your experiences with international education? How do you see international education supporting and enhancing the mission of the University of Dayton?

6. What questions do you have for us?

The ECAS members will most likely have one hour for their interview, so there will be a limited amount of questions, possibly starting with general questions to more specific. A list of questions asked by the deans and the provost and the booklet, "Characteristics of Marianist Universities" will be distributed to the ECAS senators.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by J. Rogatto