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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

February 14, 2002 – 12:00-2:00 p.m. in SM 113B

PRESIDING: Brian Conniff

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

1. Opening Prayer: B. Conniff read a prayer by Mother Theresa.
2. Roll Call: Twelve of twelve members were present.
3. Approval of ECAS Minutes for February 7, 2002: The February 7, 2002 minutes were approved as written.
4. Announcements: For consistency sake, it was decided that B. Youngkin, former president of the Academic Senate, would remain on the Presidential Transition committee.
5. Committee Issues/Reports: H. Gerla, Chair of the *Faculty Affairs Committee*, had nothing to report.
S. Bartley, Chair of the *Student Academic Policies Committee*, reported that his committee is discussing the 18th credit hour. He has talked with T. Burkhardt and was told that between \$800,000 and \$1.1 million dollars would be lost in revenue if this 18th hour would be exempt.
Advantages to having an 18th hour:
 - Students may be able to graduate on time or may be able to shorten a five-year program
 - It may help the housing shortage on campus
 - If the 18th hour is available, more people would take advantage of it.Disadvantages to having an 18th hour:
 - Can students handle 18 credit hours?
 - More faculty would be needed to cover the added hour
 - Giving credit without tuition charge would create a hole in the budget to fill
 - If more students take 18 hours instead of 15 credit hours, there will be more sections to teach without added revenue
 - What is the difference between academic vs. extra curricular and how do we determine it? Taking the extra credit hour should be an enrichment experience and not part of the degree.

The SAPC is hoping to bring this issue to the ELC in October, 2002 in time to have it in the next budget.

The SAPC is also discussing Academic Advisor evaluations.

J. Dunne, Chair of the *Academic Policies Committee*, reported that his committee is working on establishing a sub-committee to revise the wording 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.

It was recommended that the new president be invited to an ECAS and Academic Senate meeting to discuss some of the faculty issues.

5. With no further business, the committee adjourned to closed session to prepare for the upcoming Presidential interviews.

The open meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by J. Rogatto