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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

March 14, 2002 – 12:00-1:00 p.m. in SM 113B

PRESIDING: Brian Conniff

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

1. Opening Prayer: B. Conniff read an old Irish prayer attributed to St. Patrick.
2. Roll Call: Ten of twelve members were present.
3. Approval of ECAS Minutes for February 28, 2002. The February 14, 2002 minutes were approved with minor changes.
4. Committee Issues/Reports: H. Gerla, Chair of the *Faculty Affairs Committee*, reported that FAC met with P. Whitney, Human Resources, to discuss the Paternity/Maternity Leave issue. An idea was proposed that it would be possible to trade off other benefits such as sabbatical time for maternity/paternity leave. He does not anticipate any proposals to be presented to the Academic Senate meeting in April.

J. Dunne, Chair of the *Academic Policies Committee*, reported that his committee has three issues:

1. The result of the recommendation of the General Education Committee: subcommittees have been formed to work on updating the wording in the General Education (GE) goals reflecting on the last ten years and revision of administration of GE with the new Arts and Sciences' Associate Dean for Connected Learning.
2. S. Dandaneau will meet with the APC on March 6 to discuss his proposal on creating a designation to attach to the degrees, diplomas and transcript designations for the Honors and Scholars Program. S. Dandaneau and T. Westendorf will come to the next APC meeting with a proposal for the committee to review.
3. The process of implementing the University Competencies: The CIS group is putting together a revised proposal for the Quantitative Reasoning Competency. APC will wait for this proposal before proceeding. J. Dunne will report to the Academic Senate what is going on but there will be no new proposal for the next meeting.

S. Bartley, Chair of the *Student Academic Policies Committee*, reported that he has contacted other schools to see how they do academic advisor evaluations. He found that there is no set process done at other schools. There are two departments that now do evaluations on their academic advisors at the university. The students would like to see a check and balance system put into place concerning advisors and would like an evaluation done every year. He will be sending out a questionnaire to all the Department Chairs asking if they do any evaluations at all and how they would want the evaluations done. Arts and Sciences has a merit pool and those faculty who are doing an effective job get compensated

for their efforts. He is hoping to have a good questionnaire developed to share at the Academic Senate meeting in April.

5. Academic Senate Meeting on April 19: Some issues that will be covered in the April 19 Academic Senate meeting will be:

- Advisor evaluations
- Administration of General Education policy
- Honors and Scholars and its designation
- Report on Competencies

It was also recommended that the ELC Conversation on compensation be closely monitored.

6. Election of Part-Time Faculty Representative: B. Conniff spoke with D. Bickford concerning the Part-time Faculty Representative to the Academic Senate. D. Bickford felt that it would be a good idea to put this item on the agenda for the Part-time Faculty Workshop in the fall. The part-time faculty can decide if they want to run for a position.

7. Presidential Investiture: F. Pestello and the Transition Committee would like the ECAS to find faculty to sit on a committee of faculty that would take a strong role in the investiture of the new president. This committee would work closely with Advancement who would help execute what the faculty committee would want to be done. B. Conniff said that he would try to compose a list of faculty who he thought would be interested in working on this committee. The ceremony should be of an academic nature and be held in the President's first year. This committee should check to see what is done at other universities and also review what has been done in the past.

P. Morman has worked at other universities where there has been a change in presidents. He said the ceremonies he has attended before consisted of the following:

- Faculty are robed
- Representatives from other colleges and universities from across the country are invited to be in the academic procession
- Alumnus from other universities who live in the Dayton area are invited to represent their college or university
- A major address is given where the president will present his goals for the university
- A major campus celebration or reception will take place
- The archbishop should possibly be invited
- A special Mass
- A medallion will be presented to be worn by the president
- May be preceded by a gala event the night before.

A good representation on this committee should be from all five academic divisions.

8. Visit of Dr. Dan Curran: D. Curran will meet with the ECAS on April 11 if his schedule permits. ECAS should come up with an agenda for this meeting. Some items mentioned are:

- How we operate
- Faculty issues
- Explain the Academic Senate, AAUP, the Faculty Board and they work in the institution
- How can he be in contact with the faculty

The ECAS members should send J. Rogatto their agenda ideas electronically and she will forward them to all the committee members.

The next ECAS meeting will be April 4 to prepare:

- April 11 meeting with Dan Curran
- Committee reports
- Agenda for April 19 Academic Senate meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by J. Rogatto