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PRESIDING: Brian Conniff

SENATORS PRESENT: Conniff, Dandaneau, Gerla, Morman, Pedrotti, Pestello, Telfair

1. Opening Prayer: B. Conniff read a translation from German of a poem by Rilke.

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

3. Approval of ECAS Minutes for October 11, 2002: The October 11, 2002 minutes were approved.

4. Announcements: 1.) B. Conniff stated that the election for the positions on the Academic Senate is underway. A letter will be e-mailed to part-time faculty asking those who are interested in the Senate seat to submit a short bio. 2.) D. Curran has agreed to come to the December 6 ECAS meeting to discuss the Board of Trustees and the Presidential Transition.

5. Committee Reports: H. Gerla, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, stated that he sent a letter out to F. Pestello and M. McCabe regarding the Research Professorship issue. He is also working on the wording of the policy for the Suspension of the Tenure Clock for Family or Medical Leave to identify those who are eligible to postpone a tenure date without actually taking a leave.

M. Telfair reported that the Student Academic Policies Committee was discussing the 18th credit hour issue. It will be presented to the ELC in November.

L. Pedrotti, reporting for the Academic Policies Committee, said that the Quantitative Reasoning document is moving along. The subcommittee has agreed to recommendations close to those in the most recent document proposed by the math department. APC hopes to bring a proposal to the December 15 Academic Senate meeting.

6. Board of Trustees Relating to Searches: B. Conniff talked with D. Curran and found that he is interested in engaging the board with faculty and academic issues. He might not support having a University of Dayton faculty member on the Board, but would be open to talking about adding nationally recognized figures in Catholic education. The committee could start making a list of names. Curran is also willing to identify board members who can be part of these discussions.
B. Conniff asked what else should the ECAS do to begin a discussion at this time; and how would we get a list of recommendations?

7. Budget Recommendations: The Academic Senate has ten minutes to present its position on the budget to the ELC in December. The following issues were submitted for concern:

- Health, property and liability insurances will be high
- Salary continues to be a priority issue
- Health care – does the University continue to pay the major portion of the health costs or have the employee take on more
- IT modem pool
- Strategic investments for the future
- Competition for job candidates due to entry level salaries which are eroding
- Pricing strategy for UD versus state schools
- Part-time faculty are depended upon greatly to cover courses
- Structure of scholarships – how are they decided upon, full versus partials
- Allocation of scholarships – need based versus merit
- Marketing graduate programs

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by J. Rogatto