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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

March 25, 2003 – 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. in St. Mary’s 113B

PRESIDING: Joe Saliba

SENATORS PRESENT: Dandaneau, Elo, Gauder, Gerla, Morman, Partlow, Rapp, Saliba, Telfair, Yungblut

1. Opening Prayer: J. Saliba read a short prayer and added a prayer for the troops and everyone involved in the war.

3. Approval of ECAS Minutes for March 11, 2003: The March 11, 2003 minutes were approved as written.

4. Announcements:
   a. J. Saliba met with T. Danford who was agreeable to the ECAS suggestions of creating a newsletter or article about the UDit operation and develop a website on benchmarking. He also agreed, in principle, that a new vision, and a customer satisfaction survey would be developed.

5. Old Business:
   a. Review of the February 14 Academic Senate Meeting – L. Yungblut reported that the meeting centered on the discussion of Intellectual Properties and Copyrights. She deferred H. Gerla for a summary. He reported that the bulk of the meeting and T. Skill’s presentation focused on intellectual properties and ownership – the University or the faculty/staff; what are the laws placed on the faculty using intellectual properties in course packs and in classrooms. It is suggested that the FAC create guidelines for faculty members that they would be comfortable with. Information and input would be asked from the library, the Research Institute, Legal Affairs, and the producers of intellectual properties.
   b. University Calendar: J. Rapp distributed “Thoughts on Select Calendar Committee” and asked that the members review this material for the April 1 ECAS meeting.
   c. Strategic Planning: An e-mail to solicit views from faculty on strategic planning was sent to all faculty, staff and students. The authors of submitted papers would be invited to the April 4 Academic Senate meeting to share their viewpoints. It was suggested that the Report of the Committee for the Academic Plan written in 1993 be reviewed and discussed. A half-day retreat in May might be helpful to discuss major things that would affect the faculty and academics.

6. New Business:
a. The Faculty Board is asking for a meeting to explore the role that the senate and Dr. Curran envision for the Faculty Board in the new administration and how the Board can most effectively interface with the work of the Academic Senate.

7. Committee Reports: M. Telfair, *Student Academic Policies Committee*, reported that the committee is waiting for feedback from chairs concerning the Student Assessment forms.
H. Gerla, *Faculty Affairs Committee*, reported that he composed a letter to all tenure and tenure-track faculty explaining the Academic Senate document I-02-03, “Suspending the Tenure Clock for Tenure Track Faculty Members Eligible for Family or Medical Leave” and that this document must be voted upon by the faculty. A copy of the ballot was reviewed and changes were made.
J. Rapp, *Academic Policies Committee*, said that his committee is discussing the University Calendar. They have met with P. Martin and T. Westendorf from the Registrars Office to discuss the on-line registration. They are also working with the School of Engineering on the General Education Policy, Section II, Rationale and Goals. P. Johnson, Arts and Sciences, will be reporting to them on Thematic Clusters.

8. April 1 ECAS Meeting: It was decided that the next ECAS meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. due to conflicts in scheduling.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by J. Rogatto