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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

March 7, 2005 – 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in St. Mary's 113B

PRESIDING: David Biers

SENATORS PRESENT: Biddle, Biers, Buchino, Eloë, Gerla, Huelsman, Penno, Rapp, Webb, Yungblut

1. Opening Prayer: K. Huelsman read a poem and a Native American prayer.
2. Roll Call:
3. Approval of ECAS Minutes for February 28, 2005: The February 28 minutes were approved as written.
4. Announcements:
5. Old Business:
 - o Standing Committee Reports:
 - Academic Policies Committee (APC)*: J. Biddle said the committee met and discussed three items: 1) The Honor Code – revisions made by Mark Brill were forwarded to N. Buchino; 2) Capstone writing requirement – David Darrow presented a “discussion starter” on longer writing assignments; and, 3) thematic clusters – a subcommittee was formed to define and describe what “oversight” of General Education entails, and identify what types of reviews have been conducted recently and determine if there are any gaps/holes/deficiencies in the reviews. P. Eloë is talking with Paul Benson regarding thematic clusters, and J. Biddle and D. Biers will talk to Mary Morton for further direction. A comment made about the Capstone writing requirement was that there are some good points, but it is not feasible for every class and definitely not ready to be considered as a policy. A suggestion was made to require all graduates to engage in some sort of Capstone project involving a certain amount of writing. A comment was made that David Darrow might present this as a part of the Faculty Exchange Series. It was suggested that J. Biddle contact Deb Bickford to determine what would be the best way to talk about this issue. It was also suggested that J. Biddle talk to Steve Willhoit regarding the “writing across the curriculum” program.
 - Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)*: L. Yungblut said the FAC meets every other week. Their topic of discussion will be the ex officio position of the SGA Vice President for Academic Affairs. L. Yungblut said she may send material electronically to the FAC and request their feedback in lieu of holding a meeting.

Student Academic Policies Committee (SAPC): N. Buchino asked if the Academic Senate meetings are open to the public. After this was confirmed, N. Buchino informed the ECAS that she will invite two students to the March 11 meeting since they are running for her position next year.

6. New Business:

- *Review Honor Code* – A question was brought up regarding the Honor Code wording. N. Buchino read the letter from Georgetown University's Office of the Provost giving UD permission to use phrases and formatting from their Honor Code. It was determined that the UD Honor Code is ready for a vote at the March 11 meeting and will be emailed to the Senators prior to the meeting.
- *Thoughts on Grade Inflation* – D. Biers distributed two documents: 04/FA Undergraduate Grade Report (not finalized) and Conceptual Model of Factors Affecting Grade Migration. This data will be emailed to the Senators prior to March 11 and will be presented at the meeting.
- *Agenda for March 11 Academic Senate Meeting* –
 - Anthem/Premier Update – J. Carter
 - The Honor Code (Document No. I-05-01) – N. Buchino
 - Provost's Committees – F. Pestello
 - Grade Inflation – D. Biers

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Wilson