PRESIDING: David Biers

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

1. Opening Prayer: D. Biers read an Indian meditation.

2. Roll Call:

3. Approval of ECAS Minutes for March 14 and 30, 2005: The minutes were approved for March 14 and March 30, 2005.

4. Announcements:
   a. K. Webb encouraged the ECAS members to attend the open forums for the Library Dean candidates on April 13 from 2:00-3:00 in KU 310 (Gary Pitkin) and April 22 from 1:00-2:00 in the KU ballroom (Beth Hammond).

5. Old Business:
   o Standing Committee Reports:
     Academic Policies Committee (APC): J. Biddle distributed a handout regarding the APC and General Education. P. Eloe is chairing a subcommittee that will concentrate on completing the Gen. Ed. review by focusing on Thematic Clusters. The draft will be reviewed on April 12, and the proposal will then go to all APC members for revision/acceptance. It was stated that a proposal will be given to Gen. Ed. to conduct a review and deliver a plan to the APC by 10/15/05 with expected APC approval by 11/1/05. A comment was made that there are three separate committees working on Marianist education and another committee dealing with the First Year Experience. The APC was not included in conversations by any of these committees but needs to be involved. J. Biddle said that he sent an email to the APC members regarding General Education oversight and asked for their comments and suggestions. He received several responses and will forward all information to the ECAS members.
     Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC): L. Yungblut stated they have not had a meeting but continue working on issues via email.
     Student Academic Policies Committee (SAPC): N. Buchino said the committee will meet on Wednesday, April 13 to review the Honor Code again because not all members of the SAPC were given a chance to express their concerns with the Honor Code and did not agree with the Legislative action. The outcome of this meeting will determine if the Honor Code will be voted on in the April 15 Academic Senate meeting. N. Buchino was asked to highlight all changes made to the Honor Code.
N. Buchino announced that four new student senators were elected into the SGA academic positions for 2005-06 and will send the names to J. Wilson.

6. **New Business:**

   o *Academic Calendar for FY 07* – D. Biers distributed the 2006-07 preliminary Academic Calendar and he will advise the Provost that it is approved with the following changes:
     - Add: Sat., Dec. 9 and Sun., Dec. 10, 2006 – List as Study days
     - Add: Date in April, 2006 – Bro. Joseph W. Stander Symposium and Honors Convocation
     - Add: Sat., Apr. 28 and Sun., Apr. 29, 2007 – List as Study days

   A comment was made that there were issues with the Stander Symposium and RISE Symposium being back-to-back, but the dates are already set for 2005-06. It is being reviewed for 2006-07.

   o *Chair of SAPC – Should it be a faculty member?* It was commented that the SAPC is at a disadvantage because of the voting timeframe with new students in the Fall and serving only one year and new faculty members in the Winter. It was decided that a faculty member can be appointed as the chair of the SAPC if deemed necessary.

   o *Protocol* – A statement was made that the chairs of the Provost’s Fundamental Issues committees need to keep the Senate involved in their activities. It was suggested that they have an open discussion in the Academic Senate on issues before approving them. Faculty comments continue to be received that they feel they are not included in decision-making; they are informed after the decision is made.

   A suggestion was made to invite the Committee on Marianist Education (Paul Benson) to attend and present at the first Academic Senate meeting in September 2005.

   A statement was made that the ECAS read the Senate Constitution and determine exactly where their authority is. H. Gerla will work on this and present it to the ECAS.

   A senator suggested that the new Dean of the Libraries be appointed to the Senate. K. Webb stated that it was considered about 6 or 7 years ago but was voted down by the faculty. A suggestion was made to ask the new dean about his/her interest. If the new dean is interested, it would then go through as a Constitutional change.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Wilson