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APC Meeting 2-28-08—approved minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04.

2. Roll Call

Present: Benson, Bickford, Bowman, Cook, Darrow (chair), Diestelkamp, Duncan, Eggemeier, Frasca, Jipson, Larson, O’Gorman, Penno

Excused: Clark, Patterson, Saliba, Sielestad

Guests: Pair

3. Approval of minutes from meeting of 14 February.

The minutes were approved with a minor correction.

4. Announcements

The next scheduled APC meeting will take place on Thursday 13 March at 10:00 AM in KU 211.

5. Old Business

The 2009-2010 Academic Calendar

The chair reported the results of the calendar committee meeting, noting that the committee is submitting an only slightly modified version of the proposal approved by the APC for consideration by the Provost Council. The calendar committee proposal differs only in that, owing to concerns for “study days,” the break between fall and winter terms will not be as long as we had hoped.

CAP reading list issue

The chair read the following statement from the ECAS minutes of 13 February:

With a desire for openness, the ECAS requests that APC and its subcommittee, the CAP subcommittee, make available to the campus community the entire library that CAP has accumulated, and will continue to accumulate, over its tenure. We make this request in the Marianist spirit of involvement and community. It is understood that those visiting the site will do so in a spirit of engagement and shared discovery and in

anticipation of the Fall 2008 discussions that will follow the CAP final report.

The discussion that followed once again noted the potential that granting access to the reading list has for disrupting the process. The chair noted that the list of readings ultimately would be published as a bibliography appended to the final report and, in this way, would be available to facilitate informed participation in the fall discussions. Two members spoke in favor of the resolution and the good intentions behind it. The rest of the committee accepted the idea that the resolution's motivation rested on good intentions, but still believed that, in addition to setting a bad precedent, the resolution indicated a lack of trust in the subcommittee members. At the end of the discussion the APC approved the following resolution on a vote of 10-2:

"The APC does not believe the request by ECAS concerning access to the materials used by the CAP committee is in the best interest of the CAP process and respectfully requests that ECAS place this issue on the agenda to be considered by the full Academic Senate."

Report from CAP Subcommittee

Don Pair reported that the CAP subcommittee was engaged in the following activities:

1. In response to its charge to be widely consultative, CAP work will be at the center of a combined Humanities Base and Cluster spring workshop, as well as the Integrated Natural Sciences workshop in May. Each of these events will include a brief presentation on CAP activities and will solicit input from participants. In addition to the 150+ regular participants in these events, the workshops will follow past practice and issue invitations to other units on campus outside of CAS.
2. In the same spirit, CAP will be having discussions with an SGA delegation.
3. CAP member Crum has traveled to Washington, D.C. with Amy Anderson and three others to the ACE internationalization collaborative to garner info that might be applicable to the discussion of internationalization that will begin next week.
4. CAP has begun consultations with various parties on campus to garner information on current service-learning opportunities.
5. CAP tries to remain engaged with current curricular initiatives on campus.

6. CAP is conducting a “mapping” exercise in which it applies the seven *HIR* learning outcomes to graduating seniors in order to judge where the “gaps” exist between the outcomes and our current curriculum.

Senate DOC I-07-04 “Challenges and Recommendations for the University of Dayton Honors and Scholars Programs”

A straw poll indicated that there was not sufficient support in the committee to report out a motion in favor of legislative concurrence to the full Senate. Several members of the committee noted that there are still too many unanswered questions in the proposal, including resource questions key to the proposal’s success. Given the importance of the proposal, the committee also believes that reporting out a motion against legislative concurrence will unnecessarily prolong the process. What the APC requests, then, is that ECAS reassign the document to the APC as a matter for legislative action so that the APC can work with the Honors and Scholars program to resolve these issues and create a proposal with fewer remaining unanswered questions for the full Senate’s consideration.

6. New Business

There was no new business.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:07.