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Approved
Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
October 19, 2009
St. Mary’s 113B; 11:00 a.m.

Present: P. Benson, D. Biers, D. Darrow, B. Duncan, H. Gauder, R. Kearns, L. Laubach, A. Mari, J. Saliba, R. Wells

Guest: J. Farrelly (Faculty Board)

Opening Prayer: H. Gauder opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of October 12, 2009 were approved.

Announcements:
1. SGA is trying to organize buses to transport students to Cleveland, Chicago, and St. Louis over the Thanksgiving break.
2. R. Wells reported that the University Nominating and Recruitment Committee will meet during the week of October 26-30.
3. A. Mari reported that several students had raised concerns about the diminishing number of health and sport science activity classes (HSS 130) that were being offered.
4. J. Farrelly reported that he had received ten reservations for lunch to discuss Post-Tenure Review on Thursday, November 12, 2009 in the Kennedy Union West Ballroom. This meeting is being sponsored by the Faculty Board along with the Executive Committee of the Executive Senate and the Faculty Development Committee. A box lunch is being provided by the Office of the Provost.

Old Business:
1. APC did not meet during this reporting period.
2. FAC did not meet during this reporting period.
3. SAPC-R. Kearns reported that ERIC (a sub-committee of SAPC) met on October 14, 2009. The following issues were discussed: (a) ERIC will make a recommendation to ECAS about the best way to proceed with the new student evaluation form of faculty teaching; (b) The Office of the Provost needs to be informed of the budgeting concerns of this endeavor; (c) The Office of the Provost has recommended that ERIC ask invite J. Rowley and ERIC will ask B. Moroney, F. Pestello, and C. Ridenour for advice and assistance in developing the new form; (d) it appears that in the best practices currently being utilized by other universities for the process of student evaluation of faculty teaching, only three to five quantifiable questions are being asked; (e) it has been recommended that all University of Dayton faculty use these three to five questions and then departments can generate their own additional questions; (f) The current document is twelve years old and needs revised or discarded; (g) S. Wilhoit will try to obtain copies of currently used standardized student evaluation of faculty teaching forms; Kearns reported that SAPC has only met one time this academic year.
ECAS recommended that SAPC meet to discuss completion of the honor code procedures. SAPC also needs to be involved with the discussion around the “tentative academic calendar for 2010-2011.”

New Business:

1. D. Darrow will talk with D. Wright from UDit-Curriculum Innovation and E-Learning Center and J. Rowley from the Institute for Technology and Enhanced Learning about how they are using on-line student evaluation for faculty teaching forms for the University’s on-line courses.

2. J. Saliba briefly summarized concerns that he has received about the proposed “tentative academic calendar for 2010-2011.” Positive statements were received from Campus Ministry who really liked the idea of the two week intersession between the Christmas holidays and the beginning of Winter/Spring semester; International students appreciated the four week break between the Christmas holidays and the beginning of the Winter/Spring semester; faculty appreciate the additional time to prepare and revise course syllabi and also to be engaged in research; faculty who teach during the summer are very concerned about the shortening of the summer session(s); there are concerns about the timing of faculty contracts; issues have been raised about the potential loss of summer revenue; faculty have appreciated the openness of the discussion about the tentative calendar but also have some serious concerns.

3. B. Duncan reported that the preliminary meetings with the academic leaders and faculty within the School of Engineering have reported negative feedback concerning the tentative calendar. Duncan stated that he believes T. Saliba is preparing a report to be presented to Provost J. Saliba concerning the SOE’s feedback.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Next ECAS meeting is scheduled for Monday 26 October 2009, 11:00 a.m. St. Mary’s Rm 113B.

Respectively submitted by: Lloyd Laubach