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Approved
Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
October 26, 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: B. Duncan opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of October 19, 2009 were amended and approved.

Announcements:
1. J. Saliba will ask T. Skill about the logistics of submitting student evaluations of faculty teaching for all university courses.
2. J. Saliba mentioned a few of the difficulties pertaining to the distribution of the student evaluation of teaching faculty forms; e.g., in most units the Assistant or Associate Deans take care of this task; in other units Chairs, Administrative Assistants or graduate students are assigned to administer the evaluations.
3. There was an extensive discussion pertaining to “piloting” several sections of classes using the proposed on-line forms for the student evaluation of faculty teaching.
4. D. Darrow will ask D. Wright to attend a future ECAS meeting to discuss the current on-line format being used by the LTC for the student evaluation of faculty teaching.
5. L. Laubach announced that four candidates will interview for the position of the Dean of the School of Education & Allied Professions beginning November 5, 2009. He encouraged ECAS and faculty to try and attend any of the open sessions.
6. J. Farrelly distributed a copy of the 1999-2000 Academic Calendar for the purpose of comparing the differences and similarities to the “tentative 2010-2011 calendar.”

Old Business:
1. APC did not meet during this reporting period
2. FAC did not meet during this reporting period.
3. SAPC did not meet during this reporting period. However R. Kearns reiterated the budget concerns that have been brought forth by ERIC concerning the process and implementation of the potentially proposed new form for the student evaluation of faculty teaching. J. Saliba stated that the Office of the Provost is in full support of this process.
4. R. Wells reported that the University Nominating and Recruitment Committee will meet on October 27, 2009 to elect a chair and develop an agenda for upcoming meetings.
New Business:

1. A lively discussion evolved around issues and concerns of the “tentative 2010-2011 academic calendar.” J. Saliba reported that he has received numerous emails, phone messages, and personal messages about his presentation to the Academic Senate on October 23, 2009. Many of these concerns were similar to the comments reported in the ECAS minutes of October 19, 2009. A brief summary of a few of the new major concerns are listed below: How can we have quality educational programs/instruction during our summer session with only five weeks instead of six weeks of course work; It has been suggested that the intercession between fall and winter semester be one week instead of two weeks.

2. The question was raised about student representation on the calendar committee. L. Laubach stated they he would request the current membership list on the calendar committee from T. Westendorf.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Next ECAS meeting is scheduled for Monday November 2 2009, 11:00 a.m. in St. Mary’s 113B.

Respectfully submitted by: Lloyd Laubach