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Approved
Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
November 9, 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

Guests: J. Farrelly (Faculty Board) and D. Bickford (Associate Provost)

Opening Prayer: B. Duncan opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of November 2, 2009 were approved.

Announcements:
1. J. Farrelly reported that 35 faculty had confirmed luncheon reservations for the November 12, 2009 discussion concerning Post-Tenure Review.

Old Business:
1. APC-P. Benson reported that the APC did not meet during this reporting period.
2. FAC-D. Biers reported that the FAC met on Thursday, November 5, 2009. Three items were discussed at this meeting: (a) the ongoing concerns about faculty titling. The Office of the Provost and Heidi McGrew have found major inconsistencies in faculty titling and are extensively investigating this concern; (b) The Intellectual Policy subcommittee, under the direction of S. Swavey, has met and is somewhat entangled in procedural issues between UDRI and concerns raised by T. Skill. T. Skill would like to see the IP policy developed by this committee encourage faculty innovation in developing different aspects of on-line courses; (c) At the October 23, 2009 meeting of the Academic Senate, D. Biers presented an update on his extensive work over the summer of 2009 concerning Post Tenure Review. D Biers stated that additional discussion would continue in FAC. During the November 5, 2009 FAC meeting, committee members raised the issue of whether there is an actual need to develop a new policy. ECAS will ask Provost J. Saliba to find out exactly what provisions the Board of Trustees is expecting to see in the Evaluation of Tenured Faculty document.
3. SAPC. R. Kearns reported that the SAPC met on November 4, 2009 and discussed the following issues: (a) the proposed new academic calendar; (b) undergraduate honor code and the establishment of the Honor Boards; (c) SGA senators would like to see proper representation from the various academic units on the Honor Boards with representation from appropriate units; (c) ERIC will meet on November 11, 2009 for further discussion concerning the Student Evaluation of Faculty Teaching Form. F. Pestello and B. Moroney have been invited to attend this meeting.
4. Nominating Committee. No report was given.
5. **Student Evaluation of Faculty Teaching**- D. Darrow reported that he had asked the Deans to select four to five sections of courses for on-line evaluation. Darrow emphasized the importance of the evaluations being completed for only tenured faculty. The recommended deadline for submission of the names of potential faculty members and courses to be evaluated is November 19, 2009. D. Bickford expressed her concerns about the intricacies of any student evaluation of faculty teaching form. 

6. **Proposed Academic Calendar**- ECAS has four major questions and issues with the proposed 2010-2011 Academic Calendar: (a) what happened to Labor Day; (b) concerns about Martin Luther King Day; (c) will the Provost’s Council approve a four year calendar or only the 2010-2011 calendar; (d) a two day fall break in 2010-2011 is recommended.

**New Business:**

1. R. Kearns will preside at the Friday, November 13, 2009, 3:00 p.m. Joint Academic Senate and University Faculty Meeting in Kennedy Union Boll Theater.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Next ECAS meeting is scheduled for Monday 16 November 2009, 11:00 a.m. in St. Mary’s 113B.

Respectfully submitted by: Lloyd Laubach