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Approved
Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
November 16, 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, A. Seielstad, R. Wells

Guests: J. Farrelly (Faculty Board)

Opening Prayer: A. Mari opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of November 9, 2009 were approved with a slight modification.

Announcements:
1. J. Farrelly reported that 29 faculty members attended the discussion on Post Tenure Review led by D. Biers that was held on November 12, 2009. D. Biers reported that there were a divergent set of opinions discussed.
2. In regards to Post Tenure Review, Dr. Saliba reported the Board of Trustees wants to know whether the University of Dayton has the proper policies in place and are we administering them fairly and correctly.
3. Several ECAS members believe that peer evaluation is probably the key component of this process. It was also stated that there are many different forms of peer evaluation.
4. The implementation of the current policy pertaining to Post Tenure Review is not consistent and is interpreted differently throughout the university.

Old Business:
1. APC-P. Benson reported that APC will meet on November 20, 2009.
2. FAC-D. Biers reported that FAC will meet on November 19, 2009.
3. SAPC-R. Kearns reported that ERIC met on November 11, 2009. F. Pestello and B. Moroney were invited guests and they shared their expertise in the development of the currently used Student Evaluation of Faculty Teaching Form. The following questions/concerns were discussed: (a) what’s the purpose of the evaluations; (b) how is the assessment tool administered; (c) the SGA senators who were in attendance were asked to poll their senators and select what they believe to be the top 5 or 6 questions that are the most informative on our current evaluation form. The next meeting of the SAPAC is scheduled for November 18, 2009.
4. Nominating Committee-R Wells reported that the Nominating Committee did not meet during this reporting period.
New Business:

1. ECAS has recommended that the development and discussion of the Student Evaluation of Faculty Teaching Form be shared with the Faculty Affairs Committee.
2. University of Dayton students need to know more about the promotion and tenure process and the meaning of the Student Evaluation of Faculty Teaching Form.
3. It appears that two of the major questions that need to be addressed with the Student Evaluation of Faculty Teaching Form are: (a) administration of the form and (b) the form needs to ask the question(s) as to what determines effective faculty teaching.
4. Considerable discussion centered on Post Tenure Review and specifically the issue of what provisions the Board of Trustees are expecting to see in the Evaluation of Tenured Faculty Document. FAC will continue this discussion during its meeting on November 19, 2009.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Next ECAS meeting is scheduled for Monday 23 November 2009, 11:00 a.m. in St. Mary’s 113B.

Respectfully submitted by: Lloyd Laubach