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Approved
Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
February 1, 2010
St. Mary’s Hall Rm 113B; 11:00 a.m.

Present: D. Biers, D. Darrow, B. Duncan, H Gauder, R. Kearns, L. Laubach, A. Mari, A. Seielstad, R. Wells

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

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of January 25, 2010 were approved with minor amendments.

Announcements:
1. SGA will be interviewing two candidates for the open SGA senator positions.
2. P. Donnelly will present the CAP proposal for discussion at the February 26, 2010 Academic Senate meeting.

Old Business:
1. APC-No report was given.
2. FAC-No report was given; the next meeting of the FAC scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2010, 1:30 p.m., in Frericks Room 6 will be devoted to discussing two documents that pertain to post-tenure review.
3. SAPC-R Kearns reported that SAPC and ERIC continue discussion and work on two issues: (a) the undergraduate honor code--Kearns reported that there is no mention in the honor code on how to handle academic dishonesty or repeat offenders. Specifically there is no consistent policy on how to handle these problems. (b) The student evaluation of faculty teaching form—there was a lengthy and spirited discussion concerning this issue. ECAS members raised the following concerns: Is the form developmental or is it used primarily for merit, promotion and tenure; do we need to evaluate every course, every faculty member, every term; could the current form be revised and possibly shortened to maybe three to five questions; however, the major issue concerning the current form is “What is the purpose of the form.” ECAS recommended that SAPC focus on issues concerning the academic honor code and delay/postpone work on the student evaluation of faculty teaching form. ECAS has asked FAC to address issues and concerns pertaining to the student evaluation of faculty teaching form.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.
The next meeting of ECAS is scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2010, 11:00 a.m. in St. Mary’s Room 113B.
Respectfully submitted by: Lloyd Laubach