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Approved
Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
March 15, 2010
St. Mary’s Hall Room 113B, 11:00 a.m.

Present: Paul Benson, David Biers, David Darrow, Brad Duncan, Heidi Gauder, Bob Kearns, Lloyd Laubach, Antonio Mari, Andrea Seielstad, Rebecca Wells

Guests: James Farrelly and Judith Huacuja

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

Minutes: The minutes of the March 8, 2010 meeting were approved as amended.

Announcements:
1. Antonio Mari reported that the new SGA senators have been elected.

Old Business:
1. The revised Tuition Remission document was reviewed by ECAS and will be placed on the agenda of the March 26, 2010 Academic Senate meeting. ECAS suggested that the document needs a rationale statement, clarification of the statement on Page 3 “Spouse – 70% (this benefit is not available to Research Institute technicians); and an estimate of the cost savings to the university benefits package if this proposal is put into practice.

Committee Reports:
2. APC-Paul Benson and Judith Huacuja led the discussion about the format for the CAP presentation at the Academic Senate meeting on March 26, 2010. It was agreed that Jon Hess and Judith Huacuja would facilitate the discussion. It was suggested that perhaps each Senator would be limited to two to three minutes to ask their questions and receive feedback from members of the CAP committee. James Farrelly will act as the Parliamentarian during the discussion. At the beginning of the meeting it will be stated that anticipated concerns over resource allocations will not be addressed during this presentation but will be covered during the April 23, 2010 Academic Senate meeting.

3. FAC-David Biers suggested that a “draft” of the Post-Tenure Review document be forwarded to all members of the Academic Senate before the April 23, 2010 meeting. Biers also reported that the document pertaining to academic titling is nearing completion and will be discussed at the March 18 FAC meeting. Biers also reported that the FAC sub-committee being led by Shawn Swavey that is looking to develop an addendum to the intellectual property document is currently revising its document.

4. SAPC-Bob Kearns reported on the March 10, 2010 meeting of the SAPC. Discussion at this meeting focused on the issues and concerns raised about academic dishonesty. Heidi McGrew and Ricki Huff have developed a draft of a plagiarism and cheating report. SAPC is also trying to develop a shorter version of this document that is similar to the “academic proficiency report.” Kearns emphasized the importance of faculty reporting cases of academic dishonesty to the appropriate deans.
5. Nominating Committee-Rebecca Wells noted that this committee did not meet during this reporting period.

New Business:
1. Antonio Mari reported on a potential revision to the Class Attendance Policy that is stated in the Faculty Handbook. Mari would like to see the following sentences added to the current policy. “In the case of commuting students, students that drive to the University of Dayton should take their safety into consideration and shall be excused in case of bad weather. Commuter students must identify themselves to their professor at the start of term. In the event of severe weather, they should notify the professor before or shortly after class to let them know that they will be absent because of the weather situation.” After a lengthy and spirited discussion regarding this concern a vote was taken about sending this to the Faculty Affairs Committee. The vote was seven opposed and three for. Mari was encouraged to gather more information about this issue and revise the draft proposal for further discussion in ECAS.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

The next meeting of ECAS is scheduled for Monday, March 22, 2010, 11:00 a.m. in St. Mary’s Room 113B.

Respectfully submitted by: Lloyd L. Laubach