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Approved
Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
October 25, 2010; 11 a.m.
St. Mary’s Hall Room 113B

Present: Judith Huacuja, Andrea M Seielstad, Bradley D Duncan, David Biers, Heidi G Gauder, Joseph E Saliba, Leno M Pedrotti, Corinne Daprano, Rebecca Wells, Katie Trempe, Antonio Mari

Guests: James Farrelly, Art Jipson, Paul Sweeney

Opening meditation: Andrea Seielstad opened the meeting with a meditation.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 11 & 18, 2010 meetings were approved.

Announcements:

J. Farrelly announced that joint Faculty Board/ECAS panel on faculty voice and governance issues will take place on Nov. 16 in KU West Ballroom from 12-1:30.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

The University Nominations and Recruitment Committee (UNRC). Art Jipson reported on the committee’s latest revisions. A number of questions and concerns were raised including but not limited to (1) the need for student representation on the committee, (2) the method of selection of faculty representatives on the UNRC, (3) the composition and size of the committee, (4) the committee’s role, i.e., with respect to recruiting a diverse pool of people to serve on committees as well as its role in serving as a clearinghouse for committee openings, and (5) concerns about efficiency in assembling the committee and performing its operations.

The majority of the discussion focused on what the underlying purposes of the committee should be and the method of selecting faculty. Several members objected to the dean’s appointing faculty positions, as that method duplicates usual practices and is not likely to generate to the effective recruitment and generating of new and diverse people to serve on committees. Different alternative methods of constituting the UNRC were discussing, including a more open nomination process and selection by ECAS of the final committee, selection by UNRC, selection by UNRC chair, etc. Committee members also agreed that the document should more expressly define the roles and duties of the committee, drawing from the original document constituting the committee.

A. Jipson will take the suggestions back to the committee for further discussion and re-working. In the meantime, he indicated that the committee has been very proactive in trying to identify all university committees and their bylaws and membership in order to compile a
comprehensive list for posting to the Senate website. This has been a very challenging process, as it has been difficult to gather information about the different committees, what they actually do, who are their members, what is their authority, etc.

MBA Program. In the last meeting, ECAS considered whether proposed changes in the MBA program approved by GLC required Senate approval. Paul Sweeney, Dean of the Business School attended this meeting and reported that proposed changes are smaller in scope than suggested in some summary marketing materials. No new program is being proposed; rather, they are proposing some modifications to the existing program. They added some courses and split some into two. The five-year combined B.S. and M.B.A. program will remain intact. Most changes are extracurricular, i.e., adding executive involvement. No changes are cutting across units. There is no plan to present the proposal to the Board of Regents or an accreditation authority. Other schools, such as Miami, have revamped their programs extensively and did not go through any further review process.

At the conclusion of the presentation and discussion, ECAS determined that the full Senate does not need to review changes to business school.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Seielstad