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Approved Minutes
Meeting of the University of Dayton Academic Senate
16 February 2018
Kennedy Union Ballroom, 3:30-5:15 p.m.
Joseph M. Valenzano III, President

Present: Jason Pierce, William Trollinger, Myrna Gabbe, Joe Valenzano, Jim Farrelly, Karina Cabrera, Todd Smith, Maher Qumsiyeh, Shuang-ye Wu, Lee Dixon, Laura Leming, Jeanne Holcomb, John Mittelstaedt, Jim Dunne, Mark Jacobs, Peter Hansen, Kevin Kelly, Corinne Daprano, Anne Crecelius, Diandra Walker, Eddy Rojas, Markus Rumpfkeil, Deo Eustace, James Brill, Andrew Strauss, Andrea Seielstad, Kathy Webb, Fran Rice, Mary Ellen Dillon, Marguerite Wallace, Michelle DiFalco, Mateo Chavez, Paul Benson, Suki Kwon

Absent: Jenea Adams, Mark Bain, Sanders Chang, Aaron Altman, Mary Kay Kelly,

Guests: Jimmy Leach, Ryu-Kyung Kim, Andrew Kosmowski, Gloria Falcao Dodd, Sarah Jones, Stephanie Sweet, Cassandra Secrease, Maureen Keane-Sexton, Elizabeth Eichler, Susan Brown, Paul Vanderburgh, Carolyn Phelps, Danielle Rhubart, Thomas Skill, Alan Kelley, Amy Anderson, David Wright, Deb Bickford, Joe Krella, Maria Ollier Burkett, Nancy Miller, John McCombe, Laura Cotton, Katy Kelly, Elizabeth Groppe, Teresa Thompson, Mark Ryan, Harold Merriman, Elizabeth Hart

1. Opening Prayer: Laura Leming
2. Minutes of 19 January 2018
 - a. Approved with no corrections by unanimous consent.
3. Lecturer Promotion Policy (Andrea Seielstad)

Andrea reviewed the key premises of the policy, summarized comments that were received regarding the policy, and discussed the scope of the policy (i.e., lecturers only). She then updating the Senate on the revisions made to the policy since discussing it in the last Senate meeting.

Votes:

 - Remove all erroneous references to the law school and to tenure: 30-0-1
 - One senator raised the issue that the Senate should focus their attention on the definition of lecturer supplied in the Faculty Handbook before addressing a promotion policy for lecturers.
 - Amendment proposed from FAC: Change titles from lecturer, principal lecturer, distinguished lecturer, to Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, and Principal Lecturer: Discussion took place and a motion to table the amendment was proposed and passed: 18-10-4
4. University Honors Program (GUESTS: John McCombe, Nancy Miller)

John updated Senate on the Honors Program – needs our help given in the last ten years the honors program has grown drastically. John Proposed action items, including increasing UD GPA thresholds for current students and revisiting GPA/standardized test score thresholds for invitees to honors for incoming students. Nancy asked that consistent campus-wide guidelines to incentivize/reward honors thesis advising be established. Questions and discussions followed.

5. University Advancement Update (Jenn Howe)

Jenn discussed why we conduct comprehensive campaigns, including talking to core constituents regarding the importance of private donors. Discussed trends of donations made to higher education and the meaning of these trends for the future of fundraising in higher education. Jenn then asked Senate members to participate in an informative and fun pop quiz regarding advancement facts. Lee Dixon answered the most items correctly, for which he was awarded a UD travel mug, which he then gave to SGA Director of Academic affairs, Mateo Chavez. Jenn shared that during the upcoming campaign it is imperative that we tell “our story,” outlining our priorities and needs and our clear statement of purpose for UD. She also spoke of the importance of faculty engagement in the campaign.

6. Committee Reports

Reports to be submitted in writing.