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Approved
Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
January 28, 2011; 9 a.m.
St. Mary’s Hall Room 113B

Present: Judith Huacuja, Andrea Seielstad, Heidi Gauder, Corinne Daprano, Leno Pedrotti, Rebecca Wells, Joseph Saliba, Paul Benson, George Doyle, James Farrelly, Antonio Mari, Carolyn Roecker-Phelps, Katie Trempe

Guests: None

Opening Meditation: Provost Saliba opened the meeting with a meditation.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 13, 2010 meeting were approved; the minutes of the January 14, 2011 meeting were approved.

Announcements:
The agenda of the Faculty Meeting later today at 3 PM in Boll Theatre will include an enrollment update, remarks by President Dan Curran, and, a budget forecast by Tom Burkhardt.

Andrea Seielstad is the newly elected Vice President of the Academic Senate. She replaces Brad Duncan who is now the Associate Dean, Graduate, Professional & Continuing Education.

Corinne Daprano is the newly elected Secretary of the Academic Senate. She replaces Andrea Seielstad the previous Secretary.

Old Business: None

New Business:
Nomination to Human Resources Advisory Board. J. Huacuja nominated C. Roecker-Phelps to the HRA Board. There was discussion regarding whether or not the Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee of the Academic Senate should be appointed to this board as the ECAS representative. R. Wells, chair of FAC, indicated that she would contact Joyce Carter and Art Jipson regarding ECAS representation on the HRA Board. The nomination process was moved to next week’s ECAS agenda.

Nomination to University Calendar Committee. Jim Dunne’s nomination to the University Calendar Committee was unanimously approved.

Undergraduate Degree Program Proposal. J. Huacuja reviewed the additions and new text that were added to the Undergraduate Degree Program Proposal submitted to ECAS by Paul Vanderburgh. Members of ECAS agreed with the changes made to the original proposal by Vanderburgh.
There was additional discussion regarding the need to provide better documentation of program approvals on the Academic Senate website. Provost Saliba suggested that there is a need for a searchable database of all Senate documents so that information is more readily accessible. R. Wells agreed to contact the MIS Department to see if some MIS students could work on building this database. Finally, it was agreed that the Undergraduate Degree Program Proposal would be numbered as a Senate document and then referred to the APC for review.

Set Senate and Faculty voting dates for Senate Voting Rights Proposal. J. Huacuja initiated a discussion of the possibility that the University Elections Committee could conduct a faculty vote on the Senate Voting Rights Proposal in March. Prior to the vote, in February, members of the Senate would organize and facilitate forums for faculty and students for discussion of this proposal. It was suggested that J. Dunne, A. Seielstad, L. Pedrotti, and H. Gauder help organize and facilitate the faculty forums. K. Trempe agreed to set up a student forum for both undergraduate and graduate students to discuss additional student representation on the Senate.

Members of ECAS then raised several issues regarding language in the Senate Voting Rights Proposal regarding additional representation to the Senate. The proposal put forth by the Sub Committee to Address Constitutional Voting Issues (SACVI) proposed that the Dean of the GPCE should retain a voting seat on the Senate but that more “generic language” should be used in the Senate constitution to refer to the person with oversight of graduate programs and policies. Further, SACVI included language in the proposal that would give the Dean of University Libraries a voting seat on the Senate. J. Huacuja reminded ECAS that the Senate Voting Rights Proposal had been presented to the full Senate for discussion and a straw vote at the Dec. 3, 2010 Senate meeting.

Members of ECAS also discussed a recommendation that was made from the Senate floor to add a section to the proposal regarding the extension of Senate voting rights to additional faculty and student representatives given the proposed increase in the number of administrators (+1) to the Senate. After much discussion regarding these proposed additions and changes to the SACVI’s proposal J. Huacuja agreed to make revisions to the proposal and add it to the next ECAS meeting agenda on Feb. 4, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Corinne Daprano