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Present: George Doyle, Jesse Grewal, Jonathan Hess, Emily Hicks, Leno Pedrotti, Carolyn Phelps, Andrea Seielstad, Rebecca Wells

Absent: Paul Benson, Corinne Daprano, Antonio Mari, Joseph Saliba

Guests: Deb Bickford, Jim Farrelly

Opening Meditation: Emily Hicks opened the meeting with a meditation.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 17, 2011 ECAS meeting were approved.

Announcements: The next meeting of ECAS is scheduled for December 15, 2011 from 1:30 to 2:30 in SM 113B.

An ECAS meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 22, 2011 from 1:30 to 2:30 in SM 113B. Whether or not to meet at that time will be determined at the December 15 meeting of ECAS.

In the spring 2012 semester ECAS meetings will be held on Mondays from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm in SM 113B.

C. Phelps announced that in the spring 2012 semester, the APC will meet from 8:30 am to 10:30 pm on Wednesdays.

J. Hess reported that the meeting of the Academic Senate originally scheduled for January 13, 2012 had been rescheduled to take place on January 20, 2012 in order to accommodate student Senators who might return to campus by January 13. However, it may be that a Senate meeting on January 20 would conflict with a Board of Trustees meeting scheduled out of state during the week leading up to January 20. No final decision regarding the date of the January Senate meeting was made.

Old Business:

Issues Related to the December 2, 2011 meeting of the Academic Senate

It was confirmed that the agenda for the December 2, 2011 full meeting of the Academic Senate would include consideration of the proposals related to the physician assistant program, titles for instruction staff and policy on emeritus status, and intellectual property rights. In addition, J. Hess noted that he would briefly discuss the status of the issue related to consultation between the Senate and the administration at the December 2 Senate meeting.

J. Farrelly suggested that the text of the proposed policy on intellectual property should make clear the policy's relationship to Senate document 94-8. R. Wells indicated the the proposed policy is a revision to Senate document 94-8 and indicated that she would ensure that this is made clear in the text of the proposal. Jon Hess noted that the three proposals to be considered at the December 2 Senate meeting have yet to be assigned document numbers; he indicated that he would ensure that they are assigned document numbers prior to the December 2 Senate meeting. After some discussion it was agree that the intellectual property rights document should be proposed for legislative concurrence.

J. Hess noted that the proposal for the physician assistant program is not in the proper form for a Senate proposal. C. Phelps indicated that she would put it into the proper form.

Status of the Proposals brought forth from the office of Graduate, Professional, and Continuing Education (GPCE)

J. Grewal inquired about the status of the three proposals put forward by representatives of the office of GPCE. C. Phelps indicated that these proposals were presented to the APC by B. Duncan (Associate Dean of GPCE) and are currently under review. J. Hess reported that he, Paul Vanderburgh (Associate Provost and Dean, GCPE), and Brad Duncan had an informal discussion regarding the appropriate level and nature of consultation that should take place before a proposal is brought to ECAS. Discussions regarding the appropriate level and nature of consultation are ongoing.
New Business:

J. Hess introduced a proposal brought to ECAS by Vinod Jain, one of the Academic Senate representatives from the School of Engineering. V. Jain's proposal notes that summer enrollment is declining and suggested that a committee be formed to study this matter and to suggest methods to increase summer enrollment. J. Farrelly indicated that the faculty board has been looking into issues related to third-term compensation. J. Farrelly provided ECAS members with a list of issues related to third-term compensation that was developed by the Faculty Board. J. Hess asked if these matters were within the purview of the Academic Senate. ECAS members decided that it was within the purview of the Academic Senate and that the matter would be referred to the FAC. J. Farrelly and G. Doyle agreed to draft a charge to the FAC regarding the formation of a committee that would look into matters related to summer teaching and summer enrollment. Once approved by ECAS, this charge will be sent to the FAC.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35.

Submitted by Leno Pedrotti