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ECAS Committee Report of 03-18-11

The President of the Senate reminds senators to review the issues before them with an eye towards completion of the review and issuance of recommendations to be presented to the Senate at its final session of the year April 15.

Committees will submit year-end reports that summarize the committees’ evaluations of issues. The reports will indicate major points of dialogue concerning the issue, positions the committees takes on issues and a clear statement of action the committee advocates for next year. Please remember new committees are seated each year. These year-end committee reports are critical for smooth transition into the new academic year 2011-2012.

During the past month ECAS reviewed several drafts of the Bylaws Manual for the University Nominations & Recruitment Committee. The Bylaws Manual is in good form and has been submitted to the Senate for review and discussion at today’s session.

ECAS hosted four forums on the Senate Voting Rights proposal. Electronic voting for the Voting Rights Proposal opened March 9 and was set to close March 15, however – due to a minimal response - the deadline for voting has been extended to March 21. The University Elections Committee administers the voting process and they request that senators remind their constituents to please vote. Voting ends at midnight March 21, 2011.

ECAS facilitated the nomination process for the CAP & Competencies Committee and the CAP Leadership Team by gathering nominee names from Deans and the UNRC and distributing those names to the APC and the Office of the Provost. ECAS, in coordination with the Office of the Provost, reviewed and selected the final list of
nominees for the CAP & Competencies Committee. The APC did the same for the CAP Leadership Team.

ECAS reviewed a proposal from Office of Graduate, Professional & Continuing Education, and the Graduate Leadership Council. The proposal is titled *Revised Criteria and Application Process for the Granting of Graduate Faculty Status* and has been submitted to the Faculty Affairs Committee of the Senate for review. After their review, ECAS anticipates bringing the proposal to the full senate for discussion and possible approval at the April 15 session.

ECAS discussed the need for better implementation of the Consultative Process between the Offices of the Provost, the Offices of the President and the Senate. This issue is related to two concerns: 1) the recent creation of new Vice President positions and, 2) how these type of searches are to be conducted. ECAS determined on March 11 that this issue would be discussed at today’s senate session.

The Constitution of the Academic Senate states that the Senate will be consulted in the selection, review and retention of Vice Presidents.

The CONSTITUTION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON, ARTICLE II: AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY states:

3. Consultation: Consultation is defined as an exchange of information with the Academic Senate for the purpose of permitting the Academic Senate to propose or to comment upon policies which are other than academic and educational, including but not limited to the following:

f. Composition of University committees, councils, and boards.
g. Selection, review and retention of the President and Vice Presidents.

In the recent past ECAS has been consulted and involved in the selection of the Vice President for Enrollment Management and the Provost and the past selection of the Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students. ECAS also was consulted on the redefinition of the Vice President for Graduate Studies and Research.

There is no evidence of consultation with ECAS when Michael McCabe replaced Gordon Sargent as Vice President for Research, when Joyce Carter assumed the position of Vice President for Human Resources, when Deborah Read assumed the position of Vice President for University Advancement, or when Timothy Wabler assumed the position of Vice President and Director of Athletics. In all of these cases, consultation may have taken place outside the framework of ECAS meetings—at the ELC, the President’s Council, during May or August Retreats, or some other venue. The two most recent Vice Presidential appointments—William Fischer’s movement from interim Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students to the permanent position without the benefit of an external search and Rev. James Fitz’s newly defined title of Vice President for Mission—have evidently been made with no consultation with ECAS or any other group including the President’s Council.