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Approved
Minutes of Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
September 19, 2012
St. Mary's Hall Room 113B

Present: Paul Benson, Robyn Bradford, Corinne Daprano, Harry Gerla, Emily Hicks, Shelia Hughes, Terrence Lau, Ruth Monnier, Leno Pedrotti, Carolyn Phelps, Joseph Saliba

Absent: George Doyle

Guest: None

Opening Meditation: Ruth Monnier opened the meeting with a meditation

Minutes: The minutes of the September 12, 2012 ECAS meeting were approved.

Announcements: The next meeting of ECAS is September 26, 2012 from 3:15-4:45 PM in SM 113B.

C. Phelps announced that Denise Taylor (SOE) is willing to replace Malcolm Daniels on the CAP Leadership team. She will pass this information to the APC for approval.

Deltak. J. Saliba passed out a one page handout on UD's Distance Learning Initiative with Deltak. He reported on the negotiations that are taking place to contract with Deltak to assist with on-line course development and delivery. Deltak's Director of Online Learning, David Migliorese, will be on-campus Friday, Sept. 28 to meet with the campus community. He also clarified that faculty can still design their own courses. Deltak will assist with instructional design, marketing, recruitment, and help desk issues. C. Phelps reminded ECAS that any new programs still need to be approved by the ASenate regardless if they are online programs or not. J. Saliba added that existing programs undergoing a change in their delivery mode would not require Senate approval. S. Hughes asked if certificate programs require Board of Regents approval. J. Saliba confirmed that they do not require Board of Regents approval.

T. Lau asked whether anyone at UD is investigating the success of the free on-line course offerings that are now being offered by some of the major universities. J. Saliba indicated that UD does not yet have a position on this issue but agreed that there is a need to discuss this growing trend. T. Lau suggested that the SAPC take a look at this issue.

Old Business

SOEAP Re-Name. C. Phelps reminded ECAS that the SOEAP name change proposal requires legislative authority and that it is on the ASenate meeting agenda for September 21. C. Daprano requested that an ASenate process be constructed for unit name changes since one does not currently exist. C. Phelps stated that last year the APC noted this lack of a formal ASenate approval process for unit name changes and that the APC planned to work on constructing a proposal to address these unit changes this year.

New Business

Position Title Change. C. Phelps discussed a proposal from Paul Vanderburgh, Associate Provost & Dean, GPCE to change his position title. The rationale for changing his title to Associate Provost, GPCE is that as a Dean he does not supervise faculty or graduate programs. The proposal was brought to ECAS because if the position title change is approved ASenate voting rights for the Graduate School will be impacted. In addition, there will be one less administrator on the ASenate.

L. Pedrotti suggested that ECAS and the ASenate have a consultative role in the position title change and that changes will need to be made to the ASenate constitution as they relate to ASenate voting rights. C. Phelps suggested that the proposal needs to be reviewed by the FAC. J. Saliba noted that the proposal

has not yet gone before the GLC (Graduate Leadership Council) and asked the best way to consult with faculty about this proposed title change. E. Hicks suggested that the first step should be a review of the proposal by the GLC so that feedback/input can be solicited from this committee. J. Saliba indicated that he would prefer for ECAS to send the proposal to the GLC for feedback. C. Phelps agreed to ask P. Vanderburgh to discuss the proposal with the GLC and then have ECAS and the ASenate discuss the proposal after the GLC review.

Old Business

Workload Guidelines (Doc 12-09). T. Lau reported that the SBA faculty held discussions regarding ASenate Doc 12-09. As a result of these discussions the SBA faculty generated a “Statement of Principles Regarding Faculty Workload” and wanted this statement recorded as part of the minutes of the next ASenate meeting on September 21. The statement was approved by a 32-0 vote of tenure track and tenured SBA faculty. He requested clarification from ECAS as to whether or not a motion needs to be made at the ASenate meeting to enter this statement into the minutes. L. Pedrotti suggested that the statement could be noted in the ASenate minutes and a link to the statement inserted into the minutes so senators and others can reference the document. T. Lau noted that the statement serves to articulate SBA faculty members’ beliefs and principles regarding faculty workload.

H. Gerla stated that as a representative of the School of Law he plans to also make a case for unit wide exceptions to the guidelines. The School of Law would like to see the document emphasize/reflect the competitive pressures and accreditation issues faced by various units. These issues cannot be ignored if units are to remain competitive for academic hires. J. Saliba indicated that the administration doesn’t expect faculty unit workload policies to change overnight. He also stated that he recognizes there is a need to give Deans operational flexibility in terms of faculty workload guidelines.

Name Changes. R. Monnier asked if the SOEAP unit and Department of Languages proposed name change proposals will be simply reported on at the ASenate meeting or put to vote. C. Phelps indicated in her ECAS committee report she will indicate that ECAS supports both documents and that the documents can move forward to the Board of Trustee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Corinne Daprano

Standing committee work assignments. Below is an updated list of assigned standing committee tasks:

Task	Source	Prev assigned	To	Work due	Due
Consultation	ECAS	ECAS	ECAS	Open communication	ongoing
Faculty workload		FAC	Senate for discussion		
Policy on outside employment		FAC	FAC		
18 th credit hour	Faculty		SAPC	Proposal	
Summer tuition	Faculty		SAPC	Proposal	
Scholarship distribution	Faculty		SAPC	Proposal	
Tasks ongoing					
SET Committee oversight	ECAS		ECAS	Hear monthly reports; Linda Hartley, chair	
CAP Competency Committee oversight	Senate		APC	Hear monthly reports	
UNRC			ECAS	Hear monthly reports; Emily Hicks, chair	