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Approved
Minutes of Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
November 14, 2012
St. Mary's Hall Room 113B

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

Absent: None

Guest: None

Opening Meditation: Leno Pedrotti opened the meeting with a meditation

Minutes: The minutes of the November 7, 2012 ECAS meeting were approved.

Announcements: The next meeting of ECAS is November 28, 2012 from 3:15-4:45 PM in SM 113B.

Reports:

FAC. E. Hicks reported that the FAC continues to work on the Faculty Workload and Outside Employment documents in order to have them ready for the December ASenate meeting. The next meeting of the FAC is Thurs., Nov. 29 at 10 AM.

APC. L. Pedrotti reported that the CAPCC has completed the approval process for the Humanities Commons courses. The APC continues to review the competencies. In addition, the APC is reviewing the current department name change policy. There appears to be conflict among several name change policy documents and it may be time for the APC to attempt to reconcile the documents into two documents. One document that would deal with name changes for department/units and the other which would be for program changes.

SAPC. G. Doyle reported that the SAPC currently has no ongoing tasks.

18th Credit Hour. C. Phelps reported that the Provost's Council discussed the pros/cons of allowing all students to take an 18th credit hour. Student readiness and the new tuition model appear to be the most important concerns regarding this issue. There appears to be general agreement to allow 2nd/3rd/4th year students to register for up to 18 credit hours but not 1st years. J. Saliba indicated that the administration is still looking at how much tuition is generated from the 18th hour. E. Hicks asked about the allocation of fees. J. Saliba reported that there is a need to find an equitable way to allocate fee money and ensure accountability for how fees are used. The intent of the new tuition model is to: 1) provide families all the tools they need to determine what they can afford; and, 2) ensure transparency and greater accountability as to how fees are allocated and used.

Old Business

Change in Position Title for Assoc Provost & GPCE Dean (DOC 12-11). C. Phelps asked for feedback on DOC 12-11. ECAS agreed that the background/rationale section should be edited and shortened. A few other minor changes to the proposal were suggested.

New Business

Campus Diversity. C. Phelps reported that she spoke with Jack Ling about diversity issues at UD. In order to address some of these issues he suggested: 1) engaging small groups of students in multiple activities; 2) adding an attendance requirement to this programming; 3) creating unit/department instead of campus wide activities to increase engagement; and, 4) utilizing student panels and discussion groups to facilitate engagement. He also added that it is important for ECAS to continue focusing on faculty issues

related to diversity. ECAS agreed to continue discussing this issue.

Calendar Committee. Several members of ECAS reported on faculty responses to the Calendar Committee's proposal to possibly hold classes on Labor Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day during the 2014-15 and 2015-16 AYs. ECAS agreed to continue gathering feedback prior to making a recommendation to the Calendar Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Corinne Daprano

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

Task	Source	Previously assigned	To	Work due	Due
Consultation	ECAS	ECAS	ECAS	Open communication	Ongoing
Faculty workload		FAC	FAC	Proposal	
Policy on outside employment		FAC	FAC	Proposal	
18 th credit hour	Faculty	SAPC	ECAS	Discussion	
Retitle for Assoc. Provost, Dean of GPCE	Provost	Sent for GLC input prior to proposal to ECAS		Proposal	December meeting
Department Processes	ECAS		APC	Proposal	
Competencies	CAPCC		APC		
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	
Summer tuition	Faculty		SAPC	On hold until tuition model is further developed	
Scholarship distribution	Faculty		SAPC	On hold until tuition model is further developed	