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Approved
Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
April 10, 2013
St. Mary's Hall Room 113B

Present: Paul Benson, Robyn Bradford, Corinne Daprano, George Doyle, Ralph Frasca, Harry Gerla, Emily Hicks, Sheila Hughes, Leno Pedrotti, Carolyn Phelps, Hussein Saleh, Joseph Saliba

Absent: None

Guest: Pat Donnelly

Opening Meditation: Robyn Bradford opened the meeting with a meditation.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 13 and March 27, ECAS meeting were approved. The April 3, 2013 ECAS meeting was cancelled due to no pending business.

Announcements:

The next meeting of ECAS is April 17, 2013 from 3:15-4:45 PM in SM 113B.

Ralph Frasca has agreed to serve as the ASenate's representative on the Retirement Planning Committee with Joyce Carter, Tom Burkhardt, Phil Chick, Beth Schwartz, and a staff representative.

Reports:

Committee Reports

FAC. E. Hicks reported that the FAC has no pending business.

APC. L. Pedrotti reported that the final draft of the department change policy document was sent to the Graduate Leadership Council (GLC) and their feedback will then be reviewed by the APC.

SAPC. G. Doyle reported that the SAPC has no pending business.

Old Business:

Competency Discontinuation. L. Pedrotti reported on the feedback he received from departments (ENG, CMM, MTH) impacted by a discontinuation of the competency program. The consensus from these departments was to agree with a discontinuation of the competencies.

C. Phelps read an email from James Farrelly (ENG) regarding his objections to the discontinuation of the competencies. One of his main concerns was who would assess the Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) covered by the competencies if the CAPC (Common Academic Program Competencies) committee agrees to discontinue the competencies. L. Pedrotti argued that it doesn't appear that anyone is currently assessing the competencies. He suggested that we rewrite the competencies to address what is being done with the CAP. J. Saliba suggested that university assessment outcomes were now aligned with student learning outcomes and not competencies. He argued that students do not necessarily attain an outcome simply by completing a course.

L. Pedrotti reviewed the University Libraries Faculty "Statement on the Importance of Information Literacy in the Common Academic (CAP) Program" submitted to ECAS. He noted that while the other competencies (Reading/Writing, Oral, Quantitative) were tied to CAP courses there was no formal agreement as to how UD would assess the Information Literacy SLO. He suggested moving the Libraries Faculty "Recommendation" from the statement into the APC's proposal to Discontinuation of the

Competency Program (see DOC 2013-04 section 3.5).

P. Donnelly noted that Sawyer Hunley (CAP) leading a group that will participate in workshops and conferences to develop a plan to assess the CAP SLO. ECAS agreed to add Doc 2013-04 to the April 19 ASenate meeting agenda.

Outside Employment Policy Announcement. P. Donnelly will identify revisions made to the policy since the ASenate’s last meeting when the FAC’s proposed document was rejected.

18th Credit Hour. P. Donnelly indicated that in response to an ASenate request changes were made to the 18th credit hour guidelines that need to be reflected in the student bulletin.

New Business:

April ASenate Meeting Agenda. ECAS reviewed and approved the meeting agenda for the April 19 ASenate meeting.

Committee Assignments

FAC

Cassiman (SSC) for Picca
 Mosser (HUM)
 Frasca (BUS)
 Gerla (LAW)
 Hartley (HUM)
 Hicks (LIB)
 Ervin (SOE)
 Krane (SCI)
 McGreal (Dean - LAW)
 Song (FT, NTT)
 Watras (SOEAP)
 Saliba (Dean - SOE)

SAPC

Mashburn (SCI)
 McCombe (HUM)
 Gabbe (HUM)
 Lau (SBA)
 Jain (SOE)
 Leming (SSC)
 Kelly (Dean - SOEAP)
 Bobrowski (Dean - SBA)

APC

Evwaraye (SCI)
 White (SOEAP)
 Analogue (SOEAP)
 Benson (Dean – CAS)
 Slade (HUM)
 Dunne (BUS)
 Phelps (SSC)
 Webb (Dean - LIB)
 Mykytka (SOE)
 Swisher (ADJUN)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 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 |
| Degree and Department changes | ECAS | | APC | Proposal | August |
| Competencies | CAPCC | | APC | Proposal | April |
| Intellectual Property – Distance learning | Provost | | FAC | | |
| Pending | Next Steps | | | | |
| Discontinuation of BSE in Art Ed | To Senate on 4/19 | | | | |
| 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 | |