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Approved
Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
November 5, 2013
KU 312, 8:15-9:30 AM

Present: Abdullah Alghafis, Phil Anloague, Paul Benson, Harry Gerla, Linda Hartley, Emily Hicks, Carissa Krane, Terence Lau, Ed Mykytka, Carolyn Roecker Phelps, Dominic Sanfilippo

Absent: Joseph Saliba

Guests: Jim Farrelly, Pat Donnelly (for Joe Saliba)

Opening prayer/meditation: E. Hicks opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 29, 2013 ECAS meeting were unanimously approved with corrections.

Announcements:

- Next meeting—November 12, 2013, 8:15-9:30 KU 312

Reports

APC: P. Anloague reported that the committee met on Friday, November 1st. The committee's SET-related assignments were discussed with guest Linda Hartley in attendance. The committee has sent a document about designating Honors courses on transcripts to ECAS.

FAC: L. Hartley reported that the committee's next meeting is Thursday, November 7th at noon in St. Mary's 113B. The agenda will include further discussion on changes to professional titles and the committee's SET-related assignments.

SAPC: T. Lau reported that the committee had not met since the last ECAS meeting.

T. Lau inquired whether concentrations and emphases will be included in the document governing the creation, discontinuation, and modification of programs currently being prepared by the APC.

Old Business:

Honors transcription: P. Benson made a motion to accept the APC's proposal to note Honors courses on academic transcripts. The motion was seconded by C. Krane. ECAS voted unanimously to accept the proposal. C. Phelps will send a letter to the Provost indicating our support. C. Krane expressed gratitude on behalf of the Honors Program.

Agenda for Special Meeting of the Academic Senate on November 8th. C. Phelps passed out a revision of the statement that she will send out prior to the meeting explaining how the meeting will be conducted. She reminded the committee that any action by the Academic Senate on the changes to health care benefits is consultation only. A few minor edits were suggested and accepted.

ECAS received notice of additional documents relating to the special meeting on Monday, November 4th. It was decided that the document informally called the "Dear Senators" letter was not necessary given the substance of the letter being sent by C. Phelps. C. Krane explained the rationale behind the second document. She stated that the issues included in the draft resolutions document were ones that individuals had volunteered to explain in more detail at this time. Issues that were included in previous

documents such as health benefits for same sex couples had not been purposefully excluded from the current document or permanently dropped. C. Krane proposed that each draft resolution be considered separately by the Academic Senate. J. Farrelly disagreed, saying that the issues should be considered as a whole. After considerable discussion, ECAS agreed to allow each issue be considered individually. P. Donnelly stated that one benefit to considering issues individually is the ability to prioritize them, if necessary. H. Gerla asked about the rationale for keeping premiums low. E. Hicks suggested that it came from the last benefits survey where a majority of employees said keeping premiums was a priority. L. Hartley asked whether the special meeting was about making changes to health care benefits or about the process of making changes to health care benefits. C. Phelps stated that it was both. E. Hicks stated that the process going forward is the most important because that is where we can most likely effect change.

The committee decided to recommend the following wording for introducing any draft resolution put forward at Friday's meeting: "Resolved that the Senate recommends that..." C. Krane stated that she would modify the language in the draft resolution document to reflect the suggested wording. A. Alghafis sought and received confirmation that students could attend the Academic Senate meeting on Friday. It was suggested that any issues that non-Senators have be funneled through the appropriate Senate representative.

New Business:

Agenda for the Meeting of the Academic Senate on November 15th. The draft agenda was reviewed and discussed. L. Hartley asked that the standing committee reports related to SET be presented separately from the general committee reports. ECAS agreed to group the SET reports together.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Hicks

Work in Progress

Task	Source	Previously assigned	To	Work due	Due
Consultation	ECAS	ECAS	ECAS	Open communication	ongoing
Department Processes	ECAS		APC	Proposal	
Honors distinction on transcripts	ECAS		APC	Proposal	
Intellectual properties			FAC	Proposal	
Instructional staff titles	Provost's office		FAC		
Information Literacy			APC		
Academic dishonesty	SAPC				
Change in Constitution	ECAS				
SET	ECAS		APC	Proposal	
SET	ECAS		FAC	Proposal	
Tasks ongoing					
SET Committee	ECAS		ECAS	Hear monthly	

oversight				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	