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Approved
Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
January 17, 2014
SM113B, 9:30-10:45 AM

Present: Phil Anloague, Paul Benson, Harry Gerla, Emily Hicks, Carissa Krane, Terence Lau, Ed Mykytka, Carolyn Roecker Phelps, Joseph Saliba, Dominic Sanfilippo

Absent: Abdullah Alghafis

Guests: Jim Farrelly

Opening prayer/meditation: C. Phelps opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 3, 2013 ECAS meeting were approved with corrections.

Announcements:
- Next meeting - January 24, 2014, SM 113B, 9:30-10:45 AM
- The unconfirmed ELC meeting dates – 3:00-5:00 on 1/28, 2/18, 3/18, 4/16, 5/20, 8/19. C. Phelps will get confirmation from the Provost’s Office.
- The Honors designation on transcripts will be implemented at the start of the fall semester. Honors courses will also be designated in the academic catalog.
- The last Provost’s Council meeting included updates on new student orientation and Stander. C. Phelps will distribute the agenda to ECAS.

Reports
APC: E. Mykytka reported that the committee had not met since the last ECAS meeting. They will meet this afternoon to discuss the addition of undergraduate certificates, emphases, etc. to the “unified policy on everything” proposal.

FAC: L. Hartley reported that the committee met on Thursday, January 16th to discuss revisions to the intellectual property proposal and the definition of co-ownership of intellectual property. The proposal is ready to send to ECAS. The committee also discussed student evaluation of teaching (SET) which will be discussed in more detail later in this meeting. FAC’s next meeting will be held on January 30th at noon.

There was a discussion among ECAS members about the use of the word online when discussing intellectual property issues. Concern for the potential loss of IP rights by faculty was expressed. The fact that virtually all courses include some online aspect (Isidore, grades, etc.) was discussed.

L. Hartley asked whether the revision of the revision should go to Senate to be discussed before the entire intellectual property policy (currently being revised) comes to the Senate. The decision was affirmative. It is important to document the process with a paper trail.

SAPC: T. Lau reported that the committee had not met since the last ECAS meeting. The next meeting will be Monday, January 27th because of the MLK holiday.
Old Business:
Proposal for Research Faculty: L. Hartley introduced the proposal, stating that the feedback from previous ECAS discussions had been incorporated. J. Saliba expressed concern about the potential for research faculty appointments in non-academic units and the implications of that possibility. He also asked about existence of a timeline for appointments—temporary or permanent? These issues had not been specifically discussed. P. Benson stated that the proposal implies that the appointments would be made in academic departments. Several different scenarios were discussed. P. Benson suggested that the issues be discussed by the Deans with the Provost. The following issues will be sent to the Deans’ Council:
1. Could non-academic units have research faculty?
2. What would be the “home” of such faculty?
3. What issues of rank, responsibility, etc. would arise from having non-academic research faculty?
4. Would there be any term limits?

A representative from the Faculty Affairs Committee will be in attendance for the discussion.

New Business:
Proposal to Merge Leadership and International Business Majors into new Global Business Management Major: T. Lau introduced the proposal and gave a brief rationale for the change, including the current problem of the International Business major being free-floating without a “home” department. Also, the terminology of “Leadership” for what used to be a “Management” major has not been successful. The proposed new major would have two emphases: human resources and global markets. Students would choose one or the other. T. Lau stated that there was widespread support on campus for the proposal. E. Hicks asked if the library had been consulted as recommended by the program proposal process. T. Lau stated that he would discuss the proposal with Joan Plungis. J. Saliba asked that Sundar Kumarasamy in Enrollment Management also be consulted. He also asked that information about the required core coursework for business majors be included in the proposal.

J. Farrelly questioned the constitutionality of the order of approvals stated in DOC 2012-05 (which indicates that proposals for new/revised programs should go to the Senate ahead of the Provost’s Council) prompting discussion on this issue.

Draft Proposal for a New Student Evaluation of Teaching Instrument and Delivery Method: L. Hartley announced that the SET proposal coordinating committee had consolidated all material from the standing committee discussions except the SAPC which will be concluding their work soon. L. Hartley asked ECAS to provide feedback before the consolidated document goes back to the standing committees for review. P. Benson suggested that points of administrative detail do not belong in a policy statement. He advocated for two separate reports to avoid having to update the Senate document so frequently. L. Hartley expressed concern over not having enough information to answer questions from the Senators and P. Anloague expressed concern about how the university would interpret having two Senate documents issued by the Academic Senate. C. Krane stated that conversation had been important to address faculty issues and that now those had been discussed, it might be appropriate to divide the document. C. Phelps suggested that a date for review of the document be added. It was decided that implementation-specific information would be pulled out of the Senate DOC and placed in an associated implementation document. P. Anloague suggested that the SET policy should come from the Academic Senate while the SET guidelines for implementation and use should fall under the oversight of the LTC. A separate Senate proposal will be made to spell out needed changes to the faculty handbook in relation to student evaluation of teaching.
J. Saliba announced that a search for a new Dean of the School of Engineering is being started. He also reported that the Board of Trustees met this week. One major topic of discussion was cost containing efforts in light of recent news stories about budget struggles at St. Louis and Marquette universities.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Hicks

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