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Approved
Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
April 25, 2014
SM113B, 9:30-10:45 AM

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

Absent: none

Guests: Jim Farrelly

Opening prayer/meditation: J. Saliba opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 11, 2014 ECAS meeting were approved with one abstention.

Announcements:
- Congratulations to D. Sanfilippo for being chosen as a visiting research student at Oxford University (England) for the fall semester.
- Calendar committee report update—a standing meeting time with APC will be set up for next year. The time allotment between MWF classes is inadequate given the increase in classes in the CPC and at the River Campus. A small task force of two ECAS members (P. Anloague & Ed Mykytka) and members of appropriate units across campus will be established to meet over the summer and develop recommendations for January 2015. Reminders will be sent in Fall 2014 to faculty, advisors, etc. to encourage flexibility for the increasing number of students that are impacted by this problem. D. Sanfilippo will ask SGA to start gathering data from students.
- The first of three candidates for the Dean of Engineering search will be interviewing next week. ECAS will have dedicated times to meet with the candidates. Times will come via email. New ECAS members will be invited. [Inserted by E. Hicks after AS meeting: Laura Leming is only new member; E. Mykytka and P. Anloague were re-elected to ECAS.]

Reports
APC: E. Mykytka reported that the Academic Policies Committee had approved the proposed Master of Science program in Computer Engineering and the proposal for a Master in Leadership in Educational Systems. Both are on today’s Academic Senate agenda. The subcommittee for certifications has a draft that will be vetted with Deans and the Graduate Leadership Council over the summer.

FAC: L. Hartley reported that the committee met on Thursday, April 24, 2014 to continue discussion of the Nondiscrimination and Anti-harassment Policy, particularly as it relates to the Faculty Hearing Committees (Academic Freedom and Tenure or Grievances). Lori Shaw addressed the committee’s previous questions in writing. Shaw is investigating how other universities are handling similar issues. L. Hartley will summarize the FAC’s concerns in writing. The committee also voted to recommend that ECAS change the action of the revised version of the research faculty title proposal from consultation to legislative authority. ECAS agreed. Linda will announce the change at today’s Senate meeting.

C. Krane expressed concern about the potential impact of research professors on “bean counting” particularly in relation to their role as a thesis or dissertation advisor and the issue of allocation of lab
space. P. Benson stated that these are important administrative issues to resolve, but that the approval of the title description did not need to be delayed while the issues were addressed.

**SAPC:** T. Lau reported that the committee had no other meeting scheduled this academic year.

**Provost’s Council Agenda:** J. Saliba briefly outlined the policy on transfer and AP credits as it relates to domestic and international students. There is concern that not all students are prepared to be placed in upper level classes. He would like ECAS to review the policy and procedures. There are implications for CAP. T. Lau stated that one issue was the disagreement among members of the faculty whether the capstone course is supposed to be a capstone for CAP or a capstone for the major. J. Saliba agreed that the issues are complicated, but said that this is the time to be reviewing such matters. He stated that the university has hundreds of memorandums of understanding with institutions all over the world which just increases the complexity.

C. Krane stated that the original intention of the capstone was supposed to be a capstone for the major.

J. Saliba briefly discussed his recent trip to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and India.

J. Saliba announced that the cost of the new online student evaluation of teaching (SET) will be between $50,000-$60,000 which includes some staffing costs.

J. Saliba announced that the Graduate Leadership Council will be expanding to include a representative from Health Sciences.

**UNRC Report:** E. Hicks supplied the following report in writing.

The University Nominating and Recruitment Committee conducted three calls for faculty volunteers:

1. Two tenured or tenure-track faculty members to serve on new University Diversity Council (September 2013)
2. One tenured or tenure-track faculty member from the School of Education and Health Sciences to serve on the University Library Committee (April 2014)
3. Multiple full-time faculty members to serve on the University Speaker Series Committee (April 2014)

**Old Business:**

**Letter to HR re: survey results:** C. Phelps asked for feedback on the draft letter to Joyce Carter about ECAS’ active involvement in the review and dissemination of the survey results. After much discussion, several wording changes were suggested. We want to be proactive rather than reactive. C. Phelps will make the edits and send the letter to Joyce Carter.

**New Business:**

**Academic and Disciplinary Probation/Suspension and Education Abroad:** The document will be sent to the SAPC for review. J. Saliba stated that Student Development also needed to be involved.

**Committee Assignments:** [Reflects a few changes made at 4/25/14 Academic Senate meeting]

APC: Phil Anloague, Paul Benson, James Dunne, Linda Hartley, Kevin Kelly, Paul Becker, Joe Mashburn, Ed Mykytka, Andy Slade
The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Hicks

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