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Approved
Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
October 31, 2014
SM113B, 9:00-10:30 AM

Present: Phil Anloague, Paul Benson, Erin Brown, Jim Dunne, Harry Gerla, Linda Hartley, Emily Hicks, Carissa Krane, Kathy Webb

Absent: Laura Leming, Ed Mykytka, Dominique Yantko

Guests: none

Opening prayer/meditation: L. Hartley opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 24, 2014, ECAS meeting were approved with corrections.

Announcements:

- Next ECAS meeting is Friday, November 7, 2014, 9:00-10:30 am, SM 113B
- Next Academic Senate meeting is Friday, November 14, 2014, 3:00 pm, KU Ballroom
 - Need agenda items by Friday, November 7th ECAS meeting
- Interim Dean J. Pierce requests assistance with UNRC to select CAS faculty rep on HRAC
- E. Mykytka will ask J. Pierce about CAP-L committee nominations for Arts and Social Sciences
- C. Krane attended two meetings with candidates for open Budget Manager position in the Office of the Provost. She asked questions about mechanisms for communication and transparency as well as interactions with unit budget managers.
- Members of ECAS will receive invitations to meet with the candidates for the Vice President for Finance position soon. Please attend if you are available.

Reports from Committees:

Academic Policies Committee: J. Dunne reported that the committee had not met since the last ECAS meeting. The committee is waiting for feedback from the academic units about a proposal to combine academic certificate policies into one document.

Faculty Affairs Committee: H. Gerla reported that the committee met on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, to continue discussion about how to reconcile the bylaws of the two faculty hearing committees with the university-wide nondiscrimination and anti-harassment policy. The committee will look at further revisions at the next meeting. Discussion centered on concerns about the complexity of the issue and the extent of the information that would or would not be shared by the Office of Equity Compliance and the Faculty Hearing Committees.

Student Academic Policies Committee: E. Brown reported that the committee will meet on Monday, November 03, 2014.

New Business:

University Calendar Committee: J. Dunne reported on the work of the calendar committee. The committee is currently discussing options for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 academic years. They

expect to have a recommendation to the Provost's Council by February. Members of ECAS discussed the benefits and drawbacks to the two proposed options. P. Benson reminded ECAS that the faculty response to a survey about the two week intersession in January conducted a few years ago was overwhelmingly positive. He stressed the importance of faculty consultation on this very important issue. ECAS tasked the APC to review the academic priorities document from 2009 and suggest revisions, as appropriate.

Report from Graduate Student Association: E. Brown reported two concerns from the graduate students:

- Graduate Assistants (300 students) would like to get their parking passes before commuter students to avoid availability issues and to have a chance at better parking.
- The new Brown Street Café in Fitz Hall closes too early (2 pm) for many graduate students because many graduate classes are held in the evening.

She has already met with Paul Vanderburgh and Brad Duncan to discuss these and other issues.

Potential Topics for Next ELC Meeting: Scheduled for Monday, November 17, 2014, 9:30-11:30 am. C. Krane will give Advancement the list of questions/topics generated by ECAS via email.

Old Business:

Academic Scheduling Task Force: P. Anloague reported that as of last Friday 369 faculty, 633 Fitz Hall students, and 1,459 other students had completed the survey. The survey results will be delivered to the task force next week. L. Hartley reported that the task force will meet with the Chairs Collaborative on November 10th and will give a preliminary report at the Academic Senate meeting on November 14th. There will not be any voting at this Senate meeting. A discussion about timing of possible changes and other influences on scheduling ensued.

Senate Parliamentarian: C. Krane discussed possible options to fill the vacant position. One option would be to solicit a law student to fill the position for a small scholarship. P. Benson stated that the Law School already had a program called the Dean's Fellows that might be a possible existing avenue. Another option would be to hold some training this year in hopes of filling the position for next academic year. It was decided that C. Krane would discuss the idea with Dean McGreal.

Update on UNRC calls for nominations: E. Hicks will remove the preference for tenure and send a reminder for the call to fill three open positions on the University Honorary Degree Committee. The open position on the Maternity Leave Review Panel has been filled and the other nominees have been notified.

Senate Response to Academic Climate Survey: A letter about the climate survey from President Curran has been sent out. P. Benson stated that he would give a report at the November Academic Senate meeting. He will also record a video that will go out the week after the Senate meeting. The exact role of the Senate in this process is not known yet, but the involvement of the Senators with campus-wide issues will be valuable. Questions about the timing of the unit action plans and the levels of faculty involvement in some units were addressed.

H. Gerla asked that the membership of the UNRC be added to next week's ECAS agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 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
Instructional staff titles	Provost's office		FAC		
Information Literacy			ECAS	Charge	
AS Constitution revision	ECAS		ECAS		
Dismissal for academic dishonesty	SBA	SAPC	Deans' Council		
Policy for academic certificate programs			APC		
Nondiscrimination & anti-harassment policy	Legal		FAC, SAPC	Comments/recommendations	
Review of Faculty Hearing Committees' by-laws	ECAS		FAC		
Academic scheduling task force	ECAS		ECAS	Report	12/15/14
Review ECAS/Senate representation on Elections Committee	ECAS		FAC		
Review ECAS/Senate representation on UNRC	ECAS		FAC		
Tasks ongoing					
CAP oversight	Senate		APC	Hear monthly reports	
UNRC			ECAS	Hear monthly reports	