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Approved
Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
February 20, 2015
SM113B, 9:00-10:30 AM

Present: Phil Anloague, Paul Benson, Erin Brown, Jim Dunne, Harry Gerla, Linda Hartley, Emily Hicks, Carissa Krane, Laura Leming, Ed Mykytka, Dominic Sanfilippo

Absent: Kathy Webb

Guests: Corinne Daprano (Faculty Board), Jamie Lockett (Leadership UD), Paul Vanderburgh (Associate Provost), Fr. François Rossier (Executive Director of Marian Library-International Marianist Research Institute), Fred Jenkins (Associate Dean, University Libraries)

Opening prayer/meditation: P. Benson opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 13, 2015, ECAS meeting were approved with corrections and 2 abstentions.

Announcements:

- Next ECAS meeting is Friday, February 27, 2015, 9:00-10:30 am, St. Mary's 113B
 - Agenda for March Academic Senate meeting must be approved due to midterm break on March 6th.
- Next Academic Senate meeting is Friday, February 20, 2015, 3:00 pm KU West Ballroom
 - C. Krane stated that the order of agenda items would be changed to accommodate VP for Finance Horner's schedule
- ECAS meetings with the Candidates for the College dean are set. The next one is Tuesday, February 24th from 3:45-4:45 pm in St. Mary's 113B. The final one is Monday, March 2nd from 3:45-4:45 pm in St. Mary's 113A.
- Presidential Search Firm Meeting with ECAS on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 11:30 am-12:30 pm, St. Mary's 113B

Reports from Committees:

Academic Policies Committee: E. Mykytka reported that the committee met last Friday. The APC approved the nomination of Suki Kwon, associate professor of art & design, to the CAP Leadership Committee as the representative from the Arts. Work on an undergraduate certificate policy continues. Preliminary results from the faculty survey about calendar issues were briefly reviewed. The committee will start analyzing the data next week. The survey questions were also shared with representatives of the Student Government Association who used it as a basis for a similar survey being conducted of students. The APC meets at 2 pm on the second and fourth Fridays.

Faculty Affairs Committee: H. Gerla reported that the committee had not met since the last ECAS meeting. The FAC meets at 11:00 am on the first and third Fridays.

Student Academic Policies Committee: L. Leming reported that the committee plans to review an updated draft of the academic misconduct policy (based on the feedback above) and make any final edits in advance of the March Academic Senate meeting. The next meeting will be 23 February 2015 (9:00 a.m. in HM 257). The committee meets on Mondays at 9 am as needed.

Old Business:

Approval of Student Representatives to CAP Committee: D. Sanfilippo reported that the new student representatives to the CAP Committee for Spring 2015 were Elizabeth Kelsch, a sophomore and the Education and Health Sciences academic representative to the SGA, and Austin Hillman, a freshman and the engineering representative to the SGA. Both are involved in CAP courses. D. Sanfilippo made a motion to approve the appointment of both student representatives to CAPC. The motion was seconded by E. Mykytka. The motion was unanimously approved.

SGA Resolution on Academic Calendar: SGA (S. R. 1415-05) Request for Student Input on Academic Calendar Changes was briefly discussed. D. Sanfilippo apologized for any confusion and stated that the planned (and previously discussed/supported by ECAS) student survey was moving forward. No action was required from ECAS/Academic Senate at this time.

P. Benson reiterated that while neither survey should be construed as a referendum, the intent of both is to gather opinions that can serve as important inputs to decisions made by the University in relation to future academic calendars.

C. Krane announced that she would be meeting with SGA on Sunday night (February 22, 2015).

Follow up Discussion on Statement on Research/Policy on Research in Advance of Provost Council Meeting: C. Krane reiterated that both documents were drafts and subject to feedback. The summary of comments and initial review document compiled by C. Krane was reviewed. The definitions of internally funded, sponsored, and externally funded were discussed. The restrictive language of the current policy draft was discussed. There was general agreement that the approach should be positively worded. J. Dunne recommended that Fr. James Heft's 2006 article entitled "Catholic Universities as Open Circles: Academic Freedom" be referenced in the statement. L. Leming recommended that the following statement from the Loyola University Chicago document be considered: "Research is performed against the backdrop of institutional emphasis on ethical behavior and moral judgment." C. Krane will revise the feedback document and report back after the next Provost Council meeting.

New Business:

IMRI Proposal: PhD in Marian Studies: P. Vanderburgh announced the intention of the Libraries to produce a preliminary degree proposal for a PhD in Marian Studies which would be housed in the University Libraries along with the existing graduate program leading to a Licentiate of Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) and a Doctorate of Sacred Theology (S.T.D.). This program is accredited by the Theological Faculty of the Marianum and approved by the Congregation for Catholic Education. The PhD in Marian Studies would be granted by the University of Dayton. P. Vanderburgh outlined several benefits, including the ability to utilize the existing IMRI faculty and curriculum which is already Marian-focused. F. Rossier explained that while the S.T.D. was well-known in Europe, it is not as well-known in the United States and other parts of the world. Offering the PhD in Marian Studies would broaden the student pool and job prospects for degree recipients. The PhD would widen the mission of the Marianists to know Mary better and make her better known to the world. F. Rossier stated that IMRI has received several requests for a PhD option from current students. The hope is to attract more students by offering both

options. P. Vanderburgh explained that offering a PhD in Marian Studies would not cause a conflict with the Department of Religious Studies or the PhD in Theology currently offered. The Department of Religious Studies has been and will continue to be involved in the conversation. L. Leming stated that she was glad to hear that the Department of Religious Studies was involved. She would want to make sure that the new PhD would not diminish the pool of students for Religious Studies. She also stated that it would be important for the PhD students to be exposed to faculty and experiences outside of IMRI. J. Dunne asked how many students in the IMRI program. F. Rossier stated that there are currently between 45 and 50 IMRI students, but that they are not all here on campus at the same time. The class schedule is different with intensive, shorter blocks of classes and the typical student for the S.T.D. is international and generally older than traditional students. P. Benson explained that one difference between the S.T.L./S.T.D. and the PhD is the granting authority. The S.T.L./S.T.D. are authorized by the Marianum in Rome whereas the PhD would be authorized by UD. L. Hartley questioned why UD did not offer a PhD in theology with a concentration in Marian Studies from the Department of Religious Studies. L. Leming explained that Mariology is a very specific aspect of religious studies and the faculty in Religious Studies is not qualified to teach in that area. P. Vanderburgh underscored that the Department of Religious Studies were supportive of the proposal. L. Leming stated that this degree is very mission-driven and timely given the Pope's affinity for Mary. P. Anloague asked about the market research. P. Vanderburgh stated that those issues would be addressed during the proposal process. F. Rossier stated that informal inquiries had determined that there could be great interest among the Catholic, Hispanic population. There are no known PhD programs in Marian Studies in the world. D. Sanfilippo stated that he sees great potential to draw students from UD's undergraduate and masters programs. The issues of faculty and graduate assistants were also discussed. It is expected that the program would be served by existing faculty and graduate assistants with the option for an additional faculty line in the future, possibly a joint appointment with the Department of Religious Studies. C. Krane asked about next steps. P. Vanderburgh stated that no action is currently needed from the Academic Senate until the proposal is written.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Hicks

Work in Progress

Task	Source	Previously assigned	To	Work due	Due
Instructional staff titles	Provost's office		FAC		
Academic Calendar Survey	Calendar Committee/APC	APC	ECAS	Survey and results	Feb 2015
Information Literacy	ECAS		Task Force	Initial report due to Senate	April 17, 2015
AS Constitution revision	ECAS		ECAS		
Dismissal for academic dishonesty	SBA	SAPC	Chairs/Program Directors		
Policy for academic certificate programs			APC		
Review ECAS/Senate representation on Elections Committee	ECAS		FAC		

Tasks ongoing					
Consultation	ECAS	ECAS	ECAS	Open communication	
CAP oversight	Senate		APC	Hear reports as needed	
UNRC			ECAS	Hear reports as needed	