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Approved Minutes
Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
20 January 2017
1:00-2:30 pm, SM 113B

Present: Dori Spaulding, Lee Dixon, Mark Jacobs, Deo Eustace, Joseph Valenzano (Chair), Carissa Krane, Corinne Daprano, Mateo Chavez, Emily Hicks

Excused: Jason Pierce, Paul Benson, Andrea Seielstad

Guests: Carolyn Roecker Phelps (for Paul)

Announcements:

- Next ECAS meeting is Friday, January 27, 2017, 1:00-2:30 pm
- Next ELC meeting is Monday, January 23, 2017, 10:30 am-noon
- Academic Senate today, 3:30-5:30 pm
- Next Academic Senate meeting is Friday, February 17, 2017, 3:30-5:30 pm

13 January 2017 ECAS Meeting:

Minutes from last ECAS meeting were approved with one correction.

Charge to APC on Post-Tenure Review:

The committee reviewed the draft charge. After discussion, the charge was approved with edits. The charge will be given to the APC since the FAC has a heavier workload right now. It was suggested that the Chairs Collaborative be solicited for feedback on post-tenure review practices at a future meeting.

Update on UNRC Call for University Research Funding Advisory Group:

The committee reviewed the number of nominations received so far. Not all units on campus were represented in the pool so committee members were encouraged to remind constituents about the opportunity. Faculty who are coming up for tenure soon and newly tenured faculty are particularly encouraged to be nominated. Nominations are being accepted until Friday, January 27, 2017.

ELC agenda:

The committee reviewed the agenda for the upcoming ELC meeting. There will be a debrief on this week's Board of Trustees' retreat and an update on strategic visioning. The process for addressing the staff promotion policy will also be discussed. The Senate's concerns center primarily around vice-presidential level promotions. The Senate passed resolutions on the selection and retention of these staff. The Provost has implemented a policy for the review of academic administrators. The university does not currently have something similar for vice-presidents. Space for faculty collaboration will also be discussed.

Possible Future ECAS or ELC Agenda Items:

- Discussion of the need for a campus-wide philosophy of consultation

- Discussion of the use of IP (In Progress) vs. I (Incomplete) on academic transcripts. Anecdotal evidence shows transcripts of graduates that list IP. Is this a potential problem? Evidence is being gathered.
- Discussion of SET in relation to findings in new research.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Hicks