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Approved Minutes
Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
27 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, Jason Pierce

Excused: Paul Benson, Andrea Seielstad

Guests: Carolyn Roecker Phelps (for Paul), Caroline Merithew, Rebecca Wells

Announcements:

- Next ECAS meeting is Friday, February 3, 2017, 1:00-2:30 pm
- Next ELC meeting is Monday, February 20, 2017, 10:30 am-noon
- Joint Faculty/Academic Senate meeting is Friday, February 3, 2017, 3:30-5:30 pm
- Next Academic Senate meeting is Friday, February 17, 2017, 3:30-5:30 pm

20 January 2017 ECAS Meeting:

Minutes from last ECAS meeting were approved with no corrections.

Discussion of Code of Regulations Issues: Rebecca Wells

Rebecca Wells was invited to the meeting to provide context and clarification concerning questions raised about the university's Code of Regulations which was approved by the Marianists in October 2014. The concerns were discussed at length. R. Wells agreed to provide the list of questions/concerns in writing to ECAS. ECAS will review the questions/concerns and ask UD's legal counsel, Mary Ann Recker to attend an upcoming ECAS meeting to discuss the process used to change foundational documents.

The Constitution of the Academic Senate still references UD's Constitution so this will be added to the list of changes needed to the AS Constitution. Practically speaking, the change to the Code of Regulations has not inhibited the Academic Senate from doing its work nor has it stopped the President and the Board of Trustees from ratifying the Senate's work.

Maternity Policy Response to Inquiring Faculty (Update):

J. Valenzano shared Troy Washington's response to faculty inquiries about the maternity leave policy. C. Roecker Phelps stated that Chaminade University's policy is consistent with UD's. The issue of adoption leave was raised, but not addressed by this discussion.

Other Business:

E. Hicks received clarification that the Marianist Dining Room post-renovation will be open to faculty and staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Hicks