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

Present: Dori Spaulding, Lee Dixon, Joseph Valenzano (Chair), Carissa Krane, Corinne Daprano, Mateo Chavez, Emily Hicks, Mark Jacobs, Paul Benson, Jason Pierce

Excused: Andrea Seielstad, Deo Eustace

Guests: Jen Creech, Amy Anderson, Sayeh Mesami, Bro. Ray Fitz, SM

Announcements:

- Next ECAS meeting is Friday, April 7, 2017, 1:00-2:30 pm
- Next Academic Senate meeting is Friday, April 21, 2017, 3:30-5:30 pm
- Next ELC meeting is Monday, April 24, 2017, 10:30-noon

24 March 2017 ECAS Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from last ECAS meeting were approved with no corrections.

New Business:

Consultation on 2018-19 Academic Calendar Cycle: (Jen Creech)

The committee discussed two options for the 2018-19 academic calendar cycle with Jen Creech, Registrar.

Provost Charge on Faculty Merit Evaluation Task Force: (Paul Benson)

P. Benson led a discussion of a draft of the charge and the issues surrounding current processes for determining faculty merit pay. The purpose of this task force will be to make recommendations to the Provost regarding improvements in department-level faculty merit evaluation processes. The UNRC will be used to generate a pool of eligible tenure-line faculty and a pool of full-time, non-tenure track faculty. The Provost will choose 3 tenure-line faculty members and 1 FT-NTT faculty member to serve on the task force. The task force membership will also include two deans and three department chairs.

President's Working Group on Immigration Executive Orders: (Amy Anderson, Sayeh Mesami, Bro. Ray Fitz, SM)

J. Valenzano thanked the members of the working group for the helpful discussion at the last Academic Senate meeting. The task force members discussed their current activities and some possible long-term goals.

Draft Guidelines on Faculty Qualifications: (Paul Benson)

The committee reviewed the current draft. P. Benson explained that this type of statement is a new requirement of the Higher Learning Commission accreditation process. Any questions or comments will be directed to Carolyn Roecker-Phelps.

Faculty Association Meeting Update: (Corinne Daprano)

C. Daprano gave a short update on the recent Faculty Association Meeting “Academic freedom and difficult conversations in the digital age.” Some of the discussion focused on the student evaluation of teaching (SET) instrument and student comments. J. Valenzano indicated he would give a report of what ECAS has been doing to address these concerns at the next Senate meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Hicks