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Approved Minutes
Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
April 17, 2020
9:00 am – 10:30 am
Zoom meeting

Present: Joanna Abdallah, James Brill, Anne Crecelius, Shannon Driskell, Deo Eustace, Mark Jacobs, Denise James, Leslie Picca, Jason Pierce, Fran Rice, Andrea Seielstad

Excused: Paul Benson

Guests: Janet Bednarek (Faculty Board representative)
Carolyn Phelps (Associate Provost for Faculty and Administrative Affairs)

Opening

- Opening prayer / meditation – Jason Pierce--prayer
- Approval of minutes from 04/03/2020 ECAS meeting -- Minutes approved

Announcements –

- Summary of President's and Provost's council meetings. From Provost Council-All summer courses will be online. There are efforts to create a special set of courses for new students. Shorelight is expecting no new students due to several travel lockdowns. They anticipate demand will return once lockdowns are lifted. Additional discussions included the GPA requirement for merit scholarship, the Geology department name change, and the engineering certificate. From President Council-Andy provided a financial update. There will be furloughs and layoffs. From Enrollment Management: enrollment and deposits are up. EM is interacting with parents and new students every Friday. It will be a large class if all deposits actually translate to attendees. University Advancement reported \$700,000 was donated during One Day One Dayton, with 1500 unique donors.

New Business

- Approval of 4/24 senate meeting agenda-Agenda was approved
- Approval of certificate in community arts engagement—This is meant to replace the minor in Arts Administration. Consultation with library was not included in the original proposal. Mark received support from University Libraries. The certificate was approved. A reminder that University Libraries need to be consulted.
- Cap-C nominations for Anne Crecelius and James Brill—Approved the nominations with one abstention.
- Discuss logistics for 4/17 senate meeting-The process for running the meeting was distributed in an earlier email. Want to concentrate on leaving as much time as possible to discuss senate involvement over summer and beyond.
- Open discussion about senate involvement over summer & beyond—Two questions will be posed. 1. What are your concerns, what have you been hearing from your constituents? 2.) How do you see the Academic Senate and faculty being involved moving forward? Participants will have the opportunity to contribute verbally, via a google doc, or reach out to Mark directly.
- Committee assignments-Representatives on APC, FAC, and SAPC were finalized and approved.
- Charge to APC to evaluate and revise teaching section of handbook to address all forms-pend

- Discuss an action plan based on the SAPC report on S.E.T.-pend

Old Business

- Strategies for stimulating greater faculty participation in shared governance – pend for future meeting
- Senate composition discussion – pend for future meeting
- Mini-course approvals – pend for future meeting
- MS in Construction Engineering & Management- pending input from Deans

Adjourned: 10:30 am

Respectfully submitted, Fran Rice