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Approved Minutes
Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
May 15, 2020
10:00 am – 11:30 am
Zoom meeting

Present: Connie Bowman, James Brill, Sam Dorf, Deo Eustace, Mark Jacobs, Carissa Krane, Leslie Picca, Jason Pierce, Fran Rice, Andrea Seielstad,

Guests: Janet Bednarek (Faculty Board representative), Anne Crecelius, Shannon Driskell, Denise James, Sean Falkowski, Carolyn Phelps

Excused: Joanna Abdallah, Paul Benson

Opening

- Opening prayer / meditation- Connie
- Approval of minutes from 5/08/2020 ECAS meeting— Minutes approved with corrections.

Announcements

- Update from President's Council Meeting and BOT Meetings-Discussion topics: what it means to do less with less and the coordination of communication efforts to faculty, staff, families, students, and alumni. Information from town hall meetings, finances, and path forward strategies were shared with the BOT. The academic affairs committee provided the BOT an update on online teaching readiness and shared the APC online best practices document.
- Reminder Faculty meeting Friday, May 15, 2pm-4pm
- Reminder ELC meeting Monday, May 18, 10:30am-noon
- No ECAS meeting Friday, May 22- Memorial Weekend Celebration
- Next ECAS meeting Friday, May 29, 10am-11:30am
- **Prayer/Reflection sign up:** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Fr65V-Pgqk1WSH0NmtDJYnfzlx3bh-fVnKI0zTPjtBM/edit>

New Business

- Request Proposal #1 from Senator M.E. Dillon (Re: NTT Representation)—Discussion/Vote. After a lengthy discussion, ECAS agreed with a majority vote (7 yes, 2 abstain) to appoint two additional non-voting NTT faculty to serve on standing committees of the Academic Senate. This would ensure a voice for NTT faculty and representation on all three of the standing committees; FAC, APC and SAPC. ECAS recognizes this is an incremental change and does not address the larger issue of revisions to senate composition. It is anticipated senate composition will be addressed in the fall.
 - Proposal #2 from Senator M.E. Dillon (senate proxy)—ECAS was not in favor of proposal #2, there was concern that the business of the senate would be hampered if proxies were used.
 - Proposal #3 from Senator M.E. Dillon (NTT representation on Faculty Board)—ECAS agreed this needed to be determined by the Faculty Board.
 - Proposal #4 from Senator M.E. Dillon (ECAS solicit input from NTT) Leslie will intentionally reach out to Senator Dillon.
- Draft Transfer Credit Policies (from Assoc. Provost Phelps)—The goals of these two policies are to make the process more consistent across the university and to help expedite the process. Concerns were expressed over the need for clarification of transient credits and credit towards CAP classes in

the draft of the undergraduate transfer credit policy. This policy will be revised and presented to ECAS soon. To help expedite the work of APC, it was suggested APC received a charge to review the undergraduate transfer credit policy and a charge to review the transfer credit for military training, experience, and coursework policy.

- UNRC Bylaws Revision (added section D: Urgent Need)—Discussion/Vote—Due to the lengthy process of developing a pool of applicants, the UNRC was not asked to generate a pool of applicants for appointment to the recently created “path forward” working groups. Section D. was added to address this concern. The revision makes provisions for an “urgent need”, creates a flexible timeline, and recognizes that if selection occurs during the summer, the pool of applicants may be limited. ECAS approved the revised bylaws (8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain).
- Quality Online Learning Report—Discussion--Due to time limitations, will be held for a future ECAS meeting.

Old Business

(Will be updated in late May so we can focus on COVID-19 response)

Adjourned: 11:36 am

Respectfully submitted, Fran Rice