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Approved Minutes
Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
August 28, 2020
8:45 am – 10:15 am
Zoom meeting

Present: Joanna Abdallah, Paul Benson, Connie Bowman, James Brill, Sam Dorf, Mark Jacobs, Carissa Krane, Leslie Picca, Jason Pierce, Fran Rice, Andrea Seielstad

Guests: Sean Falkowski (Faculty Board representative), John Mittelstaedt (Dean, School of Business Administration), Mary Ellen Dillon

Excused: Deo Eustace

Opening

- Opening prayer/meditation – Connie Bowman
- Approval of minutes from 08/21/2020 ECAS meeting – Minutes approved

Announcements

- ECAS prayer signup: The signup sheet is in the ECAS folder
- Special Senate meeting Friday, August 28 3:30-5:30 via Zoom. The new Senate parliamentarian is Craig Looper II. Sam will read the resolution: Commitment to Working Toward Anti-Racism. Fran will read the resolution: COVID-19 Global Pandemic Impact. Sam created a form for people to ask anonymous questions. Carissa will monitor incoming questions. Phone numbers will be removed from official minutes. There was a brief discussion on the possibility of postponing or tabling the resolutions if discussions extend beyond the allotted time.
- Update on APC: CAP 4-year review and request to delay. A formal request may be sent to ECAS to delay the CAP 4-year individual course reviews.

New Business

- Department Name Change (SBA): from Department of Management Information Systems, Operations Management, and Decision Sciences to Department of Management Information Systems, Operations/Supply Chain, and Business Analytics. Guest: Dean John Mittelstaedt. The name change request is to be indicative of what is taught and researched. This change also reflects the changing nature of the profession as well as to align the name to be consistent with the degrees offered. This will also help during recruitment because students will be able to discern what degrees are available. Consultation has occurred with dean of engineering and with the dean of the college of arts and sciences. Question: Was SEHS consulted? Response: DOC 2019-03 does not require consultation with every unit unless there is a relevant or crossover degree. Vote to recommend the name change: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Since the proposal does not have University-wide academic or educational impact, the proposal will be forwarded directly to the Provost. ECAS's recommendation of the proposal will be reported to the Academic Senate.

- Approve Charges for APC to review 2 Transfer Policies. The initial transfer policy was separated into two; the military training transfer policy and the undergraduate transfer credit policy. The reviews of these policies have been determined to be top priority for APC. There was a suggestion to add consultation with the transfer credit office. Concerns were expressed in regards to the workload of APC, carryover work from last year includes a policy for online teaching and the CAP 5-year review. The charge to APC was approved by ECAS with a vote of 10 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.
- Approve Charge for FAC to update University Promotion & Tenure Policy – The charge to FAC is to review feedback collected during meetings held earlier this year and modify (if necessary). There was a suggestion to include consultation with deans and department chairs on the recommendations from a process perspective. The charge to FAC was approved by ECAS with a vote of 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.
- Academic Senate Composition revisions. Leslie would like to have three different proposals for senators to review at the first official academic senate meeting. Feedback will be collected for FAC to develop the revisions.

Adjourned: 10:18

Respectfully submitted, Fran Rice

Old Business

Items for ECAS Attention

COVID-19 Pandemic Related:

-Faculty Review: not including SET in SP20

-Revisit workload policy

-Online teaching policy (from APC 2019-20); updating faculty handbook to include different modes of teaching

Function of Academic Senate:

-Senate Composition

Curricular Policies:

-CAP 5 year review

Faculty Issues & Concerns:

-Review of University Promotion & Tenure Policy (DOC 2006-10; UPTPTF; PRoPT; CEPT)

-Revise policies for evaluating teaching, research & service

-Review of SET

Requests Made of ECAS:

- Title IX Changes; invite Kim Bakota to discuss new requirements
- Honors Program Revisions; request from John McComb
- 2 Transfer policies to send to APC (wait for final copy from Carolyn)
- At each Senate meeting, have an update on 11 items for steps to become an anti-racist university; invite Assistant Provost of CAP Michelle Pautz to ECAS to discuss item #2 on curriculum

Carry-Over Recommendations:

- Mini-course approval (recommendation from ECAS 2019-20)
- Collaborate with Student Development/Aviate (recommendation from ECAS 2019-20)
- Academic Calendar Priorities Review (recommendation from APC 2018-19)
- Academic Misconduct (recommendation from SAPC 2019-20)