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2020-11-13 Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate

University of Dayton. Academic Senate. Executive Committee

Approved Minutes
Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
November 13, 2020
8:45 am – 10:15 am
Zoom meeting

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

Excused:

Guests: Sean Falkowski (Faculty Board representative), Mary Ellen Dillon (FT-NTT faculty senator)

Opening

- Opening prayer / meditation – Sam Dorf
- Approval of minutes from 11/06/2020 ECAS meeting – minutes approved

Announcements

- Follow-up meeting with Phil Anloague. Discussed ways graduate programs could be included in the conversations about changes to the curriculum in support of step 2 of the 11-step action plan towards becoming an anti-racist university.
- Meeting with the Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion. ECAS feedback about the Inclusive Excellence Academy programming was shared. The office is considering programs that would build on the introductory information currently offered. Julio Quintero and Tiffany Taylor Smith are willing to come to ECAS to share updates.
- Update from SGA-
 - Joint session SGA/Senate on Wellness. A possible joint session, or a series of sessions, between the Academic Senate and SGA offering wellness opportunities for students was discussed. A willingness from Academic Senate to partner with SGA for future sessions was also expressed.
 - Feedback from students: (1) Pass/Fail option, (2) Spring calendar, (3) May graduation
- Update from President's Council
 - Path Forward: start of Spring term & re-entry testing; Midterm grades & course withdrawal deadline 11/16. Conversations continue within the Academics Working group on re-entry testing and possible Governor issued mandates that might impact the Spring term. There was also a conversation about the higher number of "F" grades, and the possibility of extending the deadline for course withdrawals and pass/fail option.
- SGA plans to send an informal survey to students asking for their impressions of Fall semester. Areas of interest include mental health issues, pass/fail, how they have been able to learn, how well faculty used technology, and workload issues. ECAS suggested additional topics including impressions about COVID testing and the quarantine process, which courses work better online and which courses students prefer to be in-person, which approaches to online modality worked better than others, encourage students to utilize other feedback mechanisms, like the use of

S.E.T., to flag course and instructor specific feedback, and ask students to identify what worked well for them. A broader distribution of the survey was encouraged.

- Send agenda items for the Nov. 23 ELC to Leslie.
- SAPC report on the academic dishonesty form will be discussed at the next ECAS meeting.

New Business

- Approve Senate Agenda for November 20, 2020. The Senate agenda was discussed and finalized. ECAS unanimously approved the agenda.
- FT-NTT SEHS Rep on University committee on Lecturer Promotion Committee. There are no lecturers from SEHS that meet the criteria to serve on the University Lecturer Promotion Committee. ECAS recommended filling the vacant position with a tenure line individual until such time that there are eligible FT-NTT representatives to serve.
- Continuing the Conversation: FT-NTT Faculty & Job Security Working Group. The proposal was withdrawn to create a FT-NTT faculty and Job Security Working Group. There was a suggestion to reach out to the Human Resources Advisory Council to address the timing of contracts for FT-NTT and to develop policies. Although senate representation and voting rights have been identified as priorities of the Academic Senate, the current work on the UPT is equally important with broad organizational objectives the President wants to achieve. FAC can develop a plan and timeline to move this forward.
- APC Charge: CAP 5 Year Evaluation- Due to time limitations, will be held for a future ECAS meeting.
- Other Business?

Old Business

Charges

Task	Assigned to	Work Due	Update
Univ P&T	FAC (8/28/20)	Jan.2021	
Transfer Policy	APC (8/28/20)	Nov 2020	
Transfer Policy/Military	APC (8/28/20)	Sept 2020	
Academic Dishonesty	SAPC (9/11/20)	mid-Oct 2020	
SET & bias	SAPC (9/11/20)	Feb 2021	

Priorities for Senate 2020-21

1. Pandemic/Budgetary Crisis & Shared Governance
2. Steps to Becoming an Anti-Racist University (focus on step #2 curricular/co-curricular)
3. *Senate Composition, especially increasing FT-NTT faculty reps

4. *University P&T policy (DOC 2006-10), plus evaluation of faculty--charged to FAC
5. SET & Mitigating Bias--charged to SAPC

* Requires a vote of Senate + all tenure-line faculty

Adjourned: 10:19 am

Respectfully submitted, Fran Rice