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Approved Minutes
Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
March 4, 2021
8:00 am – 9:15 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

Guests: Sean Falkowski (Faculty Board representative), Mary Ellen Dillon (FT-NTT faculty senator), Phil Anloague (Associate Provost for Graduate Academic Affairs; Honorary Degree Committee), Tom Skill (Associate Provost and Chief Information Officer)

Opening

- Opening prayer /meditation – Connie Bowman
- Approval of minutes from 2/25/2021 ECAS meeting. Minutes approved.

Announcements

- Honorary Degree Committee: Phil Anloague. Nominations are being sought for honorary degree recipients. More information about the nomination process can be found on the President's website.
- Provost's Council Updates
 - Enterprise Online Learning Task Force. The task force organization structure was shared. The work of the taskforce will be discussed with Academic Senate in the future.
 - Path Forward Updates. Current plans are to resume face to face classes in Fall 2021. Backup plans are in place. Classroom updates are planned for this summer.
 - ELATES Program. Dr. Margie Pinnell is the first ELATES program fellow from UD. Dr. Kenya Crosson will be the next program fellow.
 - Graduate Certificate in Composite Materials. The certificate was approved.
 - Stander Symposium 2021: Thurs, April 22 (deadline to register March 30th). No classes, alternative day of learning.
 - Midterm Grading Deadline (March 8-17).
 - Undergraduate Honors Symposium (Friday, March 5).

New Business

- Follow-up Zoom Bombing at Feb. 26 Senate Meeting: Tom Skill. A Zoom security playbook has been added to UDiT's Service catalog. It provides information on security measures that can be added while setting up a Zoom meeting, like requiring all attendees to login using UD credentials and using the "waiting room" feature for outside guests. Adding these security measures will reassure people this type of event won't happen again. Appointments can be made with UDiT to learn more about Zoom security. In the event of a Zoom bomb, hosts need to click on the security shield to suspend all meeting activity which turns off all cameras and microphones, stopping all offending activity at once. UDiT is confident the meeting link was shared allowing internet "trolls" to crash the meeting. UDiT is willing to present on data security at UD at a future Senate meeting.
- UNRC: LGBTQ+ Policy and Practices Working Group. The applicant pool was reviewed and a list of names will be forwarded.

- Follow-up Feedback on Senate Composition Revisions. There was low attendance at the first open forum. ECAS was asked to encourage their constituents to attend and provide feedback about the proposed Senate composition revisions. Initial feedback includes an interest in the development of a mathematical formula to determine composition of the Senate. There are plans to reach out to key senators and perhaps the CCPD in the College. ECAS discussed the format for future forums and how to boost participation. Suggested communication strategies to the full faculty include sharing a pdf of the slides with senators and ask them to discuss at the department level. The discussion will continue at the next ECAS meeting.

Future open forum sessions:

- Monday, March 8th, noon - 1:30pm
- Tuesday, March 9th, 8am - 9:15am
- Friday, March 12th, 3:30pm - 4:45pm

- Follow-up Feedback on University P&T Policy Revisions, (Due to time restrictions, this will be discussed at a future ECAS meeting)

Meeting adjourned: 9:17 am

Respectfully submitted: Fran Rice

Old Business

Charges

Task	Assigned to	Work Due	Update
Univ P&T	FAC (8/28/20)	Jan.2021	Update provided; goal to ECAS by mid-February
Transfer Policy	APC (8/28/20)	Nov 2020	Report submitted
Transfer Policy/Military	APC (8/28/20)	Sept Nov. 2020	Report submitted
Academic Dishonesty	SAPC (9/11/20)	mid-Oct 2020	Report submitted
SET & bias	SAPC (9/11/20)	Feb 2021	
CAP 5 Year Review	APC (11/13/20)	Feb 2021	

- “Back Burner” Items: Review Maternity Leave Policy
- Forthcoming: Academic Certificate “Wellbeing Education” (HSS/Student Development--Crecelius); CJS Program to Department

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