

Fall 8-27-2021

2021-08-27 Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate

University of Dayton. Academic Senate. Executive Committee

Minutes
Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
27 August 2021
10:00-11:30 am, KU 331

Present: Sam Dorf (President), Carissa Krane (Vice President), Lee Dixon (Secretary), Joanna Abdallah, Carlos Bernal, Paul Benson, Jim Farrelly (Faculty Board non-voting guest), Philip Appiah-Kubi, Dalton, Kathy Webb, Sarah Webber, Maureen Anderson, Mary Ziskin

Excused: Jennifer Dalton (FT NTT non-voting guest),

Absent:

Guests: Deb Bickford (Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and Learning Initiatives)

Announcements

- Welcome to ECAS and Introductions! (round 2)
- Next ECAS meeting Friday, September 3, 2021, 10:00-11:30am
- Faculty Meeting, Friday, September 17, 3:30pm via Zoom.
- Next Academic Senate Meeting, Friday September 24, 2021 (via Zoom)
- ECAS Special Election: Messaging sent on 8/23, Ballot sent on **TBD**
- New Chair of APC: Neomi DeAnda (HUM)
- Meetings Report: University Inclusive Excellence Council (UIEC) updates.
- Sam met with Pres/VP SGA:
 - Issues for shared governance:
 - Climate in classroom
 - Open governance
 - Leadership in general
- Path Forward/First Week of Classes Update: Paul shared that regarding COVID, “so far, so good”; discussed UD’s decision to not mandate vaccination at this time; discussed logistics of tracing, etc.

Old Business

- **VOTE:** Review [Wellbeing Education Certificate](#) (submitted 1 April 2021). See attached [draft charge to APC](#): Voted unanimously to send charge, as is, to APC.

New Business

- **Minutes from August 20, 2021 ECAS meeting:** Approved unanimously, with slight revisions.
- **DISCUSSION and VOTE:** Select new representative to [University Elections Committee](#) from ECAS (suggestion from University Elections Committee to have representative from Libraries or Law since they are on ECAS for a 3yr term): Maureen Anderson volunteered to serve, which ECAS supported and appreciated.
- **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE VOTE:** Proposed Changes to Midterm Grading Policy for AY21-22 [[policy change request](#)].

- Expand from first years to first- and second-year students (students under 60cr hours). Proposed for only AY21-22. (Guest: Deb Bickford): Deb presented a proposal from the provost office to change the practice of midterm grading to extend to include not only first years, but second year students as well; first years student includes transfers students as well
 - Rationale: Current second year students had their Senior year of HS disrupted and first year of college completely disrupted; For some second years, this fall is their first semester on campus; Retention dropped, GPA dropped, those below 2.0 GPA increased; Makes advisors, instructors and dean’s office aware of students who are struggling at mid-term
- ECAS discussed the possible need to seek faculty input; discussed if policy change is needed – Provost’s office stated that policy change is not needed and that the change would be only for this year due to COVID issues; discussed cost/benefits for students and faculty; discussed that the practical cost to faculty would likely be rather small; discussed that this is an emergency measure and not meant to be permanent; ECAS voted unanimously in favor of the temporary change.
- **DISCUSSION: Scheduling Full Faculty Votes**
 - Update from Elections Committee ([meeting notes here](#))
 - [Draft Cover Letter](#)
 - [Draft Ballot](#)
 - [Draft Markup of Amendment](#)
 - Discussed the draft ballot and how perhaps two questions may be best: one that addresses adding two senate members, the other being the issue of tenure and serving as an officer - we agreed that this seems best way to move forward; discussed needing to vote on the actual language in the changes to the documents that are being brought forward; discussed not using the language “we need” in the email that goes out; agreed to look at draft letter as ECAS homework for next week;
 - Carissa updated on FAC’s work on creating educational material for voters regarding the constitutional change;
 - Discussed need to have Abstain as an option in the vote
 - Agreed to have two questions – one question regarding composition of the senate and one regarding need for tenure to serve as an officer of the senate
- **DISCUSSION: ECAS role in CSIT** (President Spina will attend 3 September ECAS); discussed what we would like to hear from Eric regarding this issue; discussed perhaps asking about how “right-sizing” UD may be a part of this; could ask Eric to ask what the charge to CSIT may look like
- **DISCUSSION: Senate priorities in AY 21-22.**

Future Issues/Items

- COVID-19 Safety

- Anti-Racism Action Plan
- Review [Maternity Leave Policy](#) draft charge to FAC
- Revisions to [Senate Constitution/Code of Regulations](#) (2014/2017)
- SET and Bias/Bias in Classroom (SAPC)
- CAP 5yr Review (APC)
- Clinical Faculty Review (DOC 2017-01) should be reviewed every three years. (FAC)
- Academic Calendar Priorities Review (2018-2019 holdover)
- Post-COVID Return to Work
- Shared Governance Issues
- Badges/Micro-Credentials.
- Adding request for information of IT resources within CIM system (APC).

Task	Assigned to	Consultation Expectation	Work Due	Update

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Dixon