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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

February 1, 2001

12:00 p.m. in SM 113 B

PRESIDING: Betty Youngkin

SENATORS PRESENT: K. Bartlett, S. Bartley, S. Dandaneau, G. Doyle, J. Dunne, J. Geiger, H. Gerla, S. Hall, N. Hary, P. Morman, B. Youngkin

1. B. Youngkin opened the meeting by reading a thought for the day, followed by a moment of silence.
2. Minutes of January 11, 2001: Minutes from the meeting on January 11, 2001 were approved as written.

3. Committee Reports

Academic Policies Committee - reported by J. Dunne.

Calendar Issues - I-00-21 -- The APC is working with the registrar. Issues that are being addressed:

additional time to get grades in to the registrar.

allowing the College another day at the end of the term to handle dismissals. Tom Westendorf, Ricki Huff and Sam Johnson are working together to get this procedure for the College of Arts and Sciences more streamlined.

General Education -- Each academic unit is reviewing humanities base, general education and thematic cluster courses and will report back to the General Education Competency Committee. The Academic Policies Committee will then report based on the evaluations received.

General & Graduation Competency Programs - I-01-1 -- Based on what was voted on by the Academic Senate, the Reading and Writing and Oral Communication are due to be in place by FA01, the Quantitative

Reasoning by FA02, and Information Literacy by FA03.

Monitoring the bulletin for obsolete courses - I-98-35 -- This issue was brought forward because there are courses not being offered to students, but are currently listed in the bulletin. The departments are leaving the courses in the bulletin, because of the concern with the bureaucracy if the course is taken out, the difficulty in getting it listed back in the bulletin. The ideal solution is to create a limbo for the courses, so you do not have to reinvent the wheel to put courses back into the bulletin. J. Geiger has a meeting schedule with the registrar and will report back to the Executive Committee after the meeting.

Centralized decision making was deleted from the issues list.

Policy changes across academic units -- This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Computer Requirements - I-98-12 -- The Academic Policies Committee and the Student Academic Policies Committee reviewed this issue when the 1st year students were required to purchase computers. The APC will review this issue on an annual basis.

Technological Advances and Process Changes - I-98-1 -- The Academic Policies Committee reviewed a computer and software requirements for online registration.

The APC will review this issues on an annual basis.

Faculty Affairs Committee - reported by H. Gerla.

Follow-up on the Implementation of Lecture Representative of Academic Senate - I-98-11, Doc#00-11 -- Open hearings were held in preparation for a faculty vote later this semester. No one attended either open hearing session. H. Gerla received two e-mail comments. Preparing for faculty vote.

Faculty Workload Guidelines - I-00-13 -- The Faculty Affairs Committee is receiving input from deans and the Faculty Development Committee.

Role of Provost and Deans in Tenure Decisions I-00-9 -- long term review.

Evaluation of Non-academic Administrators I-98-24 B The Executive Committee was asked to suggest names of who should represent the

students and non-academic administrators on the sub-subcommittee to review these non-academic administrator=s effect on academic programs. The following names were suggested: Tom Burkhardt (or representative), Bill Schuerman, student senators, and students majoring in management.

AAUP Document - I-99-2 was deleted from the issues list.

Maternity/Paternity Leave - I-01-2 -- a new issue, now assigned to the FAC.

Faculty/Staff Benefits B Standing oversight.

Student Academic Policies Committee - reported by G. Doyle

Attendance Policy - I-00-15 B There was no support for the suggested changes to the attendance policy, so the issue has been dropped and will be deleted from the issues list.

Alternative Grading System - I-00-16 B Surveying faculty as to their opinion of changing the grading scheme at UD to include +/-and/or - grades. Letters were sent out to Department Chairs requesting responses be returned to G. Doyle by 20th of February.

Student Senators Academic Senator/SGA Academic Senators - I-00-24 -- Reviewing this issue for a vote by the Academic Senate and faculty later this semester.

Computer Requirements - I-98-12 B The Student Academic Polices Committee and the Academic Policies Committee reviewed this issue when the 1st year students were required to purchase computers. The APC will review this issue on an annual basis, so the issue will be deleted from the Student Academic Policies Committee list.

Student Assessment of Instruction - I-00-22 B S. Bartley stated that the SGA is discouraged with the number of faculty who participated in posting the students assessment of their class on the SGA website. The Committee discussed past history of this issues and the belief that the information gathered is useful to students. The Executive Committee asked S. Bartley to convey to the SGA the need to establish a procedure to be consistent from year to year in gathering and displaying the information of on the SGA webpage.

4. The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Cindy Thomas

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