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Executive Committee Minutes - August 31, 2001

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

August 31, 2001 – 1:00 p.m. in St. Mary's 113-B

PRESIDING: Betty

SENATORS PRESENT: Bartlett, Bartley, Dandaneau, Dunne, Erdei, Hall, Hary, Pestello

1. Opening Prayer: B. Youngkin opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by Herbert Martin.
2. Roll Call: Nine of twelve ECAS members were present.
3. Approval of ECAS minutes of August 24, 2001: The minutes were approved as amended.
4. Finalizing Academic Senate Agenda – September 7, 2001: B. Youngkin distributed a draft letter to SGA representatives inviting them to attend Senate meetings as observers. ECAS members were asked for comments before the letters are sent out. The agenda for the September 7 Senate meeting was finalized. It remained the same as what had been proposed at the last meeting, with two additions of allowing time for remarks by F. Pestello as the new Provost and time for the committees to meet.
5. ECAS Role in Committee Appointments: The ECAS agreed that a committee could be appointed by the president of the Academic Senate consisting of associate deans from the academic divisions and others by asking for volunteer representatives from the Academic Senate. It was commented that opportunity should be provided for faculty to self-nominate or to nominate other faculty for appointments to University committees. The committee appointed by the Senate president would handle the nomination process and solicit people if there aren't enough nominations. The committee would then make recommendations to the Provost or appropriate vice president. It was suggested that the committee should develop a set of procedures and submit them to the ECAS for review.
6. Level 3 Suspensions: B. Youngkin contacted Mary Sue Hufnagle, Assistant Dean of Student Development for Discipline and Judiciaries, for background information. Some examples of violations which would result in a Level 3 suspension include sexual assault, physical altercations, and verbal/physical threats. A specific time period would be set for the suspension. It would be at least a year and would involve complete separation from the University. Conditions would also be set for students to be able to return to the University. The specific reason for a Level 3 suspension

would not be included on a student's academic transcript. It was commented that including Level 3 suspensions on transcripts would indicate to students that violations do count. John Geiger's memo to B. Youngkin asked for consultation with the Academic Senate about noting Level 3 suspensions for disciplinary reasons on students' permanent academic transcripts. The issue was assigned to the Student Academic Policies Committee for review and making recommendations. It was suggested they invite representatives from Student Development for discussion.

7. Student and Part-Time Faculty Representation on the Academic Senate: B. Youngkin consulted with Pat Palermo, Associate Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs, regarding the election process for part-time faculty. Tom Lasley, Dean of the School of Education and Allied Professions, was contacted about their student representative. S. Bartley is contacting the runners-up from last year's SBA student election and will report back on the status of getting the replacement.
8. August Graduation: F. Pestello reported that the Provost's Council discussed the proposal to eliminate the August graduation ceremony. The Council gave its full support since degrees will still be awarded in August. It was decided that the summer graduation will be eliminated after August 2002. The remaining issues for consideration are whether to allow undergraduates to participate in the May graduation ceremony if they are close to completing their degree requirements and, if so, what would constitute "close." A related factor is that attendance at the UD Arena for May ceremonies is already close to maximum capacity so adding more students might require issuing tickets. The issue was assigned to the Student Academic Policies Committee for gathering input.
9. The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Owen, Office of the Provost