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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

November 30, 2001 – 1:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall 113B

PRESIDING: Betty Youngkin

SENATORS PRESENT: Bartlett, Bartley, Dandaneau, Doyle, Dunne, Erdei, Gerla, Hall, Hary, F. Pestello, Youngkin

1. Opening Prayer: J. Rogatto read a prayer entitled "Presence of the Holy Spirit."
2. Roll Call: Eleven of twelve members were present.
3. Approval of ECAS minutes of November 16, 2001: The minutes were approved as written.
4. Review of Academic Senate Meeting of November 19, 2001. The minutes were reviewed and a few changes were recommended.
5. Update on the Presidential Search. F. Pestello reported that two full professors, Mike O'Hare and Joe Saliba, were added to the Presidential Search Committee. The structure of the search has changed and may change during the process. S. Bartley reported that the Student Government Association (SGA) had many concerns about the process of the search, the student body representation/involvement, and the credentials of the presidential candidates. The SGA proposed two resolutions.
 - ◆ Resolution 1: "Be it resolved that it is the sense of the Student Government Association of the University of Dayton that the two presidential finalists do not meet the basic criteria as outlined in the position description, including the 'ability to articulate the University's distinctive vision for excellence in undergraduate and graduate education. . . and its institutional aspirations to be a national leader in Catholic higher education,' 'ability to sustain UD's strong sense of community and communicate through a personal campus presence,' 'commitment to the development of people at all levels of the University,' and 'capacity for sustaining and strengthening the University's strong Catholic Marianist character.'"

The Student Government Association bases this conclusion on what it views as a lack of institution-building experience, an unfamiliarity with the workings of leading national institutions of Catholic higher education, and an unexpressed vision of their ability to focus on undergraduate and graduate education in the spirit of the Marianist tradition to lead the whole university toward the status the

university community strives to achieve.

- ◆ Resolution 2: "Be it further resolved that as students trying to grow academically, physically, spiritually and socially in the Marianist tradition, it is the sense of the Student Government Association that to date the search process has significantly overlooked the concerns of the student body. Specifically, students have had no voice on the search committee. Therefore, the search process for the next University of Dayton president should be reopened and include more qualified candidates with experience in institution-building or who come from national recognized Catholic institutions and who have a clear and concrete understanding of the Marianist tradition, character and values."

A faculty member has requested that the ECAS discuss whether the Senate should speak out about the quote in the Dayton Daily News by Senator Finan, "students come and go." He believes there are concerns by the Marianist community about this statement, and they are afraid that the students are being denigrated and the teaching devalued.

6. December 7, 2001 Academic Senate Meeting Agenda: A proposed agenda was discussed.

- ◆ Opening Prayer
- ◆ Roll Call
- ◆ Minutes – November 19, 2001
- ◆ Informal introduction of new senators starting terms in January, 2002
- ◆ Proposal on Suspension Notations Due to Disciplinary Violations on the Academic Transcript
- ◆ Proposal on Graduate Academic Policies Affected by the new +/- Grading System
- ◆ Announcements
- ◆ Presidential Search by F. Pestello (time for senators to give their opinions and preparation time for Open Forum)
- ◆ Committee Reports

7. Set up of Quickplace or Faculty Lounge for Academic Senate: K. Graetz has offered to set up a Quickplace/Faculty Lounge for the Academic Senate so faculty can express their opinions. Questions were raised:

- a. How does it work?
- b. What is the role of the Academic Senate as sponsor or moderator?

K. Graetz will be asked to come to the December 14, 2001 ECAS meeting to explain his idea.

8. Results of Academic Senate Elections: Results of the Academic Senate elections were announced. *New senators starting their terms in January, 2002* are as follows:

Linda Hartley – Humanities
Jonathan Pyles – Humanities (SGA –student)
Robert Gorton – Natural Sciences
Jackie Charbel – Natural Sciences (SGA –student)
David Biers – Social Sciences
Alison Montgomery – Social Sciences (SGA – student)
John Ruggiero – Business Administration
Tim Armstrong – Business Administration (SGA – student)
Joseph Watras – Education and Allied Professions
Jenn Grothouse – Education and Allied Professions (SGA – student)
Kevin Hallinan – Engineering
Jared Roe – Engineering (SGA – student)
Heidi Good – Libraries
Monalisa Mullins – full-time, non-tenure track instructional staff
TBA – Graduate student
TBA – Part-time faculty representative

Terms ending December 2001:

Donna Cox – Humanities
Nan McKenna – Humanities (student)
John Erdei – Natural Sciences
Rebecca Staubach – Natural Sciences (student)
Fran Pestello – Social Sciences
Heather Galioto – Social Sciences (student)
Jim DeConinck – Business Administration
Maria Jukanovic – Business Administration (student)
Fr. Joseph Massucci – Education and Allied Professions
Jessie Hall – Education (student)
John Eimermacher – Engineering
Dan Lechleiter – Engineering (student)
Nicoletta Hary – Libraries
Kelli Bartlett – Graduate student

At the January 4, 2002 meeting, F. Pestello will preside. The full Senate will first elect the members of the ECAS and officers for the Senate will be elected from this new ECAS group. Subcommittee heads are chosen from the ECAS so that there is a strong tie between the committees and decisions made at the ECAS meetings. This is not constitutionally mandated.

9. Election of Part-time Faculty to the Academic Senate: A document was distributed explaining several issues in conducting the election of the part-time faculty. There were questions about eligibility of professors who don't teach consecutive semesters, retired faculty who teach part-time, off-campus professors, and full-time staff or administrators who teach at least one class. Possible solutions were given in the document and it was decided that D. Bickford, who works with a group of part-time faculty, would be

contacted. It was suggested that this group might develop a process of voting so that they have some say in how the representative would be selected.

10. Proposals “Suspension Notations Due to Disciplinary Violations on the Academic Transcript” and “Graduate Academic Policies Affected by the New +/- Grading System”:

These two proposals will be taken to the full Senate for a vote.

11. The Budget: Decisions about the budget will be made at the December 18 ELC meeting. The ECAS will meet on December 7 to discuss key issues about the budget.

12. Committee Reports: No reports were given.

The meeting was adjourned: 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by J. Rogatto