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Executive Committee Minutes - January 24, 2002

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

January 24, 2002 – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in SM 113B

PRESIDING: Brian Conniff

SENATORS PRESENT: Bartley, Conniff, Dandaneau, Dunne, Gerla, Good, Hallinan, Morman, Pedrotti, Pestello

GUESTS: F. Evans

1. Opening Prayer: B. Conniff read a Buddhist prayer.
 2. Roll Call: Ten of twelve members were present.
 3. Approval of ECAS Minutes for January 15, 2002. The January 15, 2002 minutes were approved as amended.
 4. Announcements: The graduate student senator, V. Sharma, hasn't been located, so there is a possibility that another graduate student will be asked to serve. Recommendations were submitted.
 5. Public Safety Director Search: The ECAS has been asked to recommend a faculty member to sit on the Public Safety Director Search. Four names were submitted: B. Smith, B. Craver, R. Berney, A. Tuss.
 6. Committee Reports and Issues Lists: *Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)* – H. Gerla reported that the FAC would focus their efforts on four primary issues:
 - Amend policy referring to full-time faculty on sabbatical or leave having the option to decide if they would like to vote or opt out on the right to vote on proposed amendments requiring faculty votes. An addendum possibly would be added to the sabbatical letter telling them of the options available. This policy does not have to go to the full Academic Senate.
 - A motion of support for a recommendation brought by Human Resources to change the Tuition Exchange Program. If the University employs more than one person in a family, the Tuition Exchange will affect only one of the members, not both.
 - Recommend that the tenure track faculty be able to extend the seven-year tenure track to ten years in case of an interruption due to medical or family care reasons. It was suggested that P. Miller be asked for input.
 - Research Professorship.
- Student Academic Policies Committee (SAPC)* – S. Bartley reported that the SAP's issues are:
- Academic Advisor evaluations.

- Summer scheduling – are there enough minutes taught in the summer sessions to fill three credit hours? There needs to be structure, but yet flexibility for the faculty to teach what is

required of the course.

- 18th Credit Hour.

The committee will decide at their January 25 meeting who will chair SAPC.

Academic Policies Committee (APC) – J. Dunne reported that the APC will work on the General Education Program:

- Review recommendations of the 2001 Report on the Evaluation of the General Education Program written by the General Education and Competencies Committee

Two key recommendations:

1. Update GE Policy to define the responsibilities of the Associate Dean;
2. After 2002-2003 academic year, renew thematic clusters again.

7. Presidential Search: F. Evans had asked the committee to talk with other members of the campus community to get a sense for what was still needed: more forums; what is expected for the “final day”; any other issues? The body of senators agreed that the faculty feels the forums have been exhausted and that the “final day” should not be an evaluation of the candidate/new president. They stated that the new process of choosing a new president has been greatly improved.

F. Evans presented two scenarios for the “final day”.

1. All work is done off-campus, interviews, discussion, etc. The Search Committee recommends the candidate. The candidate comes to campus the day after the Search Committee’s recommendation. The candidate makes a presentation. The Board of Trustees and the Marianist Corporation vote. A celebration to introduce the new president is planned for the end of the day.
2. The Search Committee will make a recommendation after interviews. The Board of Trustees and the Marianist Corporation vote in the morning. An address will be made by the new president, followed by a celebration/reception.

The ECAS agreed that the second proposal for the “final day” was the best.

A training evening is planned for February 5, 2002. For those who cannot attend, a written summary and confidentiality document will be available in L. Rismiller’s office.

The campus groups forming the Search Committee will be interviewing the candidates on February 17, 2002 out of town. The “final day” will be February 18, 2002 with the voting and announcement of the new president.

The senators were asked to submit questions to J. Rogatto for compilation. A two-hour meeting has been scheduled for February 14, 2002 to discuss specific questions geared toward the candidates.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by J. Rogatto