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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

August 30, 2002 – 2:00-3:00 p.m. in SM 113B

PRESIDING: Brian Conniff

SENATORS PRESENT: Conniff, Dandaneau, Dunne, Gerla, Gauder, Hallinan, Pedrotti, Pestello

1. Opening Prayer: B. Conniff read “A Teacher’s Prayer”.
2. Roll Call: Eight of twelve members were present.
3. Approval of ECAS Minutes for April 11, 2002: The April 11, 2002 minutes were approved with several changes.
4. Announcements:
 - a. There was a problem with the spring 2002 student elections that resulted in Humanities not having a representative to the Academic Senate. The SGA will be holding elections as soon as possible, hopefully before the first Academic Senate meeting.
 - b. The Student Academic Policies Committee (SAPC) is in need of a chair and needs representation on the ECAS. A suggestion was made that S. Hall be asked to move from the Faculty Affairs Committee to the Student Academic Policies to fill this vacancy. If he is unwilling, B. Conniff offered to move to the SAPC.
5. Research Professorships: F. Pestello asked that this issue be fast-tracked. M. McCabe and the science chairs have all been consulted and they have agreed that creating Research Professorships would be beneficial to UDRI. It has been found in the past that UDRI can not compete for certain funds and/or grants due to not having professorships on their staff. This issue should go to the Academic Senate. It was assigned to the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) and will be the number one issue they will discuss. Hopefully there will be something to present at the Academic Senate meeting in October. It was suggested that the word “full” be dropped from the wording in Full Professor.
6. Appointments to University Committee of General Education and Competency: Appointments to the University Committee of General Education and Competency have been made and endorsed. Three representatives from the Academic Senate are to be seated on the committee. The terms are for a three year commitment. The terms for two of the three senators who have been appointed will expire in December 2002. Therefore,

notice has to be taken that new appointments may have to be made to this committee in January 2003 if the two senators are not re-elected to the Senate.

7. Residency Requirements for Undergraduate Transfer Students: In March, 2002, S. Segalewitz asked how the term "in residence" was defined. This led to a discussion on the language governing the residence requirements in the senior year. The language suggested that 30 credit hours be taken the last year on the university campus. With the changing environment of the campus with Study Abroad, the new technology allowing programs being available on line, new programs being developed, the wording in the Bulletin should change. The Academic Senate's approval is needed. This issue will be directed to the Academic Policies Committee (APC).

8. Honors Convocation: A proposal has been submitted to establish a University Honors Symposium and Convocation. The Deans have seen the proposal and have given favorable responses. The presenters would like more feedback. The difference between the Brother Joseph W. Stander Symposium and the newly proposed symposium is that a whole day during the school week would be dedicated to this project. The symposium would be open to everyone, not just honor students. Faculty and students would be encouraged to present their work together. This would give the students more awareness of what the faculty does and give the students a chance to present their work to the public. This effort should improve the intellectual atmosphere on campus. It was suggested that this program could be marketed to show how closely the faculty works with students. The Board of Trustees and the advisory committees should also be invited to come and see the work that faculty and students do. The proposed name was questioned and in order to show inclusion of all students and faculty, a possible name would be the *Brother Joseph W. Stander Symposium and Honors Convocation*.

9. Senior Grades: W. King questioned the validity of having senior grades due in the middle of final exam week. It is suggested that having one exam would generate a renewed commitment to make final exams important to all. Suggestions for graduation would be that 1. the graduate would not get the diploma when he/she walks, instead the diploma would be mailed; or 2. put off the date of commencement. This issue was sent to all three subcommittees, Student Academic Policies, Faculty Affairs, and Academic Policies for further discussion.

10. Academic Senate Agenda: Due to the General Faculty Meeting being held on September 6, the ECAS meeting for that date is cancelled. B. Conniff is to send out to the ECAS members suggestions for the September 13 Academic Senate meeting agenda.

11. Other Agenda Items: Due to time constraints, the agenda items "Fair, Responsible and Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources" and "Appointments to Academic Committees, Councils, and Boards" will be discussed at the next ECAS meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by J. Rogatto