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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

December 6, 2002 – 2:00-3:00 p.m. in St. Mary's 113B

PRESIDING: Brian Conniff

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

1. Opening Prayer: B. Conniff read a passage from T. S. Elliott's Four Quartets.
2. Roll Call: Nine of twelve members were present.
3. Approval of ECAS Minutes for November 22, 2002: Approval of the November 22, 2002 minutes was postponed until the first meeting of the ECAS in January, 2003.
4. Discussion with President Dan Curran: Dan Curran was invited to discuss four issues.
 - a. *The Presidential Search*: D. Curran understands the difficulties that arose during the first process of the presidential search. He recognizes that the University community has to be involved. Confidentiality also has to be acknowledged. He felt that his meetings with the Deans, committees involving faculty, and various groups such as the students, were very helpful to him in learning more about the University and making a decision. The Board should be reminded that the community is a key variable. He will work with the president of the Academic Senate to draft a resolution. He feels a statement from the Academic Senate is a key component of the process.
 - b. *Suggestions for the Appointment of Members to the Board of Trustees Familiar with National Issues on Higher Education*: Curran welcomes the submission of names of nationally known figures who have a strong understanding of higher education who would be an asset to UD's Board of Trustees. The term of a board member is three years and may be reappointed for three consecutive terms. In the September/October timeframe, a slate of candidates is compiled and the four top people are selected. Calls to the candidates asking if they are interested in the position are made. The final list goes to the Marianist Corporation for review and then the slots are filled.
 - c. *The Possibility of a UD Faculty Representative on the Board of Trustees*: The faculty may not have a representative on the board as there might be a conflict of interest. The standing committees do have faculty as members already. An appointed faculty member may be able to attend and observe at meetings, then report back to the community on the content of the meeting. Some meetings are confidential and closed to the public.
 - d. *Methods of Engaging the Members of the Board with UD Faculty*: Faculty, staff and board members interacted through a series of discussions at the October Board of

Trustees meeting which proved to be very positive. The new ECAS is encouraged to continue the discussion on ways to engage the faculty and the Board. Curran stated that the faculty

are welcome to come to the breaks between Board meetings to meet and talk with the Board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by J. Rogatto