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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

May 27, 2003 – 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. in St. Mary's 113B

PRESIDING: Joe Saliba

SENATORS PRESENT: Dandaneau, Eloë, Gauder, Rapp, Saliba, Yungblut

GUESTS: Belle, B; Wagers, R.

1. Approval of ECAS Minutes for May 6, 2003: The May 6, 2003 minutes were approved as written.

2. Announcements:

a. The Select Calendar Committee met and generated many ideas for modifying the academic calendar.

Tom Westendorf has been researching other academic calendars and Carol Cummins-Collier has been researching how other schools integrate new student orientations into their calendars. The committee ultimately hopes that at the least there will be changes made to the timing of final exams.

One challenge is the current set of expectations for commencement exercises (ie, time constraints to complete grades so that graduates walk across the stage with a real diploma). The committee acknowledges that changing this belief, along with the campus calendar, will be a challenging case to make across campus.

b. UDit strategic planning sub-committee: Tom Danford is writing a strategic planning document for UDit. A sub-committee chaired by Jim Buckley has been appointed and charged to be a resource during the planning effort, and to review and make recommendations to APC once the report is drafted.

3. New Business:

a. AAUP Representative on Academic APC and FACAS: Members of the campus AAUP chapter have petitioned for ex-officio representation on the APC and FACAS. This representative would not have any voting rights.

MOTION: That an AAUP representative become an ex-officio member, with nonvoting right, of the APC and FACAS.

FAVOR: 5
ABSTAIN: 1

b. Fair, Responsible and Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources policy: Barb Belle provided background information leading up to the current version of the policy. The last set of changes was made mostly at the suggestion of Harry Gerla, on behalf of FACAS.

The issue is before ECAS today because the policy has never been officially approved and lacks authority if challenged. Barb Belle would like this policy with full authority in effect by Fall, 2003. This document needs to be approved by the Academic Senate before it is approved by the Provost's Council.

According to the rules of the Academic Senate, ECAS has legislative concurrence or consultative authority, but does not have full legislative authority in approving policies.

At issue is whether the policy has been previously approved. If not, then the vote must wait until September when the entire Academic Senate meets. If the Senate had already passed a version of the document, then it is possible for ECAS to give legislative concurrence.

There is no recollection that previous versions of the Fair, Responsible and Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources policy had been approved.

The draft policy has already been posted in the Virtual Orientation, along with the notation that changes to the policy have been based on recommendations from the Academic Senate. There is no mention that the policy is "pending" or "approved."

Even though ECAS approves of the document, it cannot vote on the matter without the Senate. It was suggested that ECAS put the policy to vote at the next Academic Senate meeting in the Fall.

There was concern that FACAS is working on a different draft copy. Although this scenario is not likely, the ECAS will be able to iron out any discrepancies between the two drafts prior to the full Senate meeting.

MOTION: That the Fair, Responsible and Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources draft policy be transmitted to the full Academic Senate for approval, barring any constitutional rules to the contrary.

FAVOR: 6
OPPOSED: 0

4. Upcoming issues for Fall, 2003: University strategic planning, academic calendar, copyright, and Fair, Responsible and Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources policy

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by H. Gauder