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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

January 29, 2004 – 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. in St. Mary's 113B

PRESIDING: John Rapp

SENATORS PRESENT: Anderson, Biddle, Biers, Eloë, Gauder, Gerla, Hallinan, Kocoloski, Rapp, Saliba, Yungblut

1. Opening Prayer: J. Rapp recited a short prayer.
2. Approval of ECAS Minutes for January 22, 2004: The January 22, 2004 minutes were approved as written.
3. Announcements:
 - a. There will be an international programs open session held on Tuesday, February 3 at noon in the West Ballroom.
 - b. B. Schuerman is going to create a security committee to review security issues in the buildings.
 - c. J. Rapp will meet with J. Untener about faculty evaluations the week of February 2, 2004.
 - d. A policy for maternity leave for faculty members is in initial draft form and will be sent to the FAC after it goes through the Provost's Council.
 - e. NSSE – it was suggested that a faculty member be appointed to get department specific information obtained from the NSSE surveys.
4. Old Business:
 - o *Calendar Committee*: Suggestions made for the calendar are:
 1. Student orientation will begin on Thursday, August 19
 2. Fall break will be on Monday, October 11 and Tuesday, October 12
 3. Christmas on Campus is December 8, therefore December 9 and 10 will be study days plus the weekend.

Most of the comments made about this plan were favorable. Some concerns were expressed as: (1) the fall break is too close to Parent's Weekend; (2) some professors prefer a Friday/Monday break but that would hurt the Monday/Wednesday/Friday schedule. The proposed calendar is on the web at <http://www.udayton.edu/~registr/2004-05propcal2>.

- o *Faculty Affairs Committee*: This committee has not met yet this semester.
- o *Student Academic Policies Committee*: This committee had nothing to report.
- o *Academic Policies Committee*: This committee had nothing to report.

The committees will report at the Academic Senate meeting what they scheduled to review this semester.

Funds for Academic Excellence: J. Rapp will invite D. Bickford (Faculty Development Committee) and B. Brecha (Committee on Academic Excellence) to the next ECAS meeting to explain to the committee more about their definition of academic excellence, the structure of these committees, and what they have planned for the total of \$50,000 in funds (possibly inside and outside speakers, workshops, pilot programs for students, materials and equipment).

ECAS/Academic Senate will be the oversight committee. J. Rapp will keep the faculty and campus community informed on these committees activities.

5. New Business:

- February Academic Senate Meeting Agenda:
 - Vote on Students with Disabilities and Final Exams proposal
 - Committee reports
 - Vote on Amending Two Subsections of the Constitution of the Academic Senate.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jane Rogatto