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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON  
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

February 12, 2004 – 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. in St. Mary's 113B

PRESIDING: John Rapp

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

GUESTS: Bickford, Brecha

1. Opening Prayer: J. Rapp recited a short prayer.
2. Approval of ECAS Minutes for January 29, 2004: The January 29, 2004 minutes were approved as written.
3. Announcements:
  - a. J. Untener has agreed to attend the February 26 ECAS meeting to discuss the "Evaluation of Teaching".
  - b. Global Lead will be held on February 19. H. Gauder and J. Rapp will give reports on this meeting.
4. Old Business:
  1. *Academic Excellence Funds*: D. Bickford (Faculty Development Committee - FDC) and B. Brecha (Academic Excellence Committee) joined the ECAS members to talk about their plans for the University academic excellence funds. The FDC and the Academic Excellence Committee have met and discussed their roles so they do not create duplication.

Grants were launched and the deadline for submission of proposals is March 5. The FDC approached the deans and asked if they would be willing to match grants for proposals that are linked to unit priorities. Up to \$50,000 may be available. Proposals may focus on creating higher standards for first-year experience and require these proposal winning teams to involve both faculty and students. The Academic Excellence Committee will create an atmosphere where faculty can talk amongst themselves and be a clearinghouse for issues in order to slowly change the culture on campus. The committee would also like to get other departments such as Enrollment Management and Student Services involved in the process. The priorities now are to find out what message the University sends to parents and students as they are being recruited and "what is the definition of academic excellence". This committee will work with FDC to help with constructing courses and the orientation weekend. The funds received by the Academic

Excellence Committee will help operate the committee, pay stipends for speakers, and organize seminars around the theme of academic excellence. The survey to first and fourth year students entitled NSSE will be sent to these students this spring. A joint message from the Provost and the Academic Senate will be sent in the near future to the faculty to encourage their students to participate in this survey.

2. *Calendar Committee*: There are still concerns amongst the faculty about the first day of school starting on a Monday with orientation week starting on a Thursday. The recommendation of the ECAS to the Provost and the Provost's Council is to support the rationale of this proposal, but to delay it for one year to 2005-06. The students also favor a fall break.
  - *Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)*: G. Sargent, VP of Research, was invited to their meeting where they discussed the membership of a VP which now is not in the Senate constitution. This discussion will continue because the compromise of offering the VP a non-voting position did not satisfy either side.
  - *Academic Policies Committee (APC)*: A new issue concerning study days at the beginning of finals week rather than being dispersed throughout the finals week will be added to their list of issues to be reviewed.
  - *Student Academic Policies Committee (SAPC)*: This committee continues to assess the faculty evaluation of classroom experience; withdrawal dates with a pass/fail notation; and time blocks for two hour evening classes.

5. New Business:

- *Summary of International Discussions*: This will be reported on by L. Yungblut at the next meeting.
- *Graduation Petition from Parent*: This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jane Rogatto