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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON  
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

March 4, 2004 – 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. in St. Mary's 113B

PRESIDING: John Rapp

SENATORS PRESENT: Anderson, Biers, Gerla, Hallinan, Kocoloski, Pestello, Rapp, Saliba

1. Opening Prayer: J. Rapp recited a short prayer from the Marianist Family Prayer Book.
2. Approval of ECAS Minutes for February 26, 2004: The February 26, 2004 minutes were approved as written.
3. Announcements:
  - a. It was announced that G. Sargent, VP for Research, has accepted the FAC's decision not to change the Academic Senate constitution to include the VP of Research as a voting member.
  - b. New wording for the "last day to add a course" from T. Westendorf was distributed to the ECAS to review. It is hoped that the explanation will be clearer by adding the word "classes" in the second paragraph.
4. Old Business:
  1. Committee Reports:
    - Calendar Committee*: It was reconfirmed that the ECAS approves the start date for the fall terms will be Mondays. Two proposed calendars for the next five years have been created by T. Westendorf for the committee to review. The Calendar Committee will eventually study summer schedules and "Reclaiming Fridays".
    - Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)*: The committee invited D. Bickford and D. Wright to their meeting to discuss the proper use of student evaluations. They will try to define what the Senate can do to help the Faculty Development Committee with this issue.
    - Academic Policies Committee (APC)*: The committee will continue to discuss the calendar issues. They will listen to the March 12 Academic Senate presentation by P. Johnson on General Education issues to see what the Senate's role will be beyond that point.
    - Student Academic Policies Committee (SAPC)*: The committee will continue to discuss the evening class schedule which is on the March agenda for the Academic Senate meeting.

*Graduation Requirements to Walk in Ceremony:* This issue will be tabled until after the April Academic Senate meeting in order to avoid confusion at the May graduation. This issue will be recommended only for undergraduate students for May graduations starting in 2005. It was recommended that the appeal process be added to this document as a reference. The APC committee will continue to review it.

5. New Business:

1. *Faculty Maternity Leave Policy – Draft 9:* This issue has been reviewed by the Provost's Council which is supportive. It's a matter of standardizing this policy so everyone is treated fairly.
2. *Petition to Get Rid of "Intelligent Design":* It was recommended that this needs to be reviewed by several scholars and see how it falls within the church's views. Bro. Don Geiger, S.M. in Biology, Sandra Yocum-Mize in Religious Studies, and Fr. Chris Wittmann, S.M. from Campus Ministry will be asked to review this and will be welcome to discuss this issue at future meetings.
3. *March 12 Academic Senate Meeting Agenda:* The agenda is as follows:
  1. Professional M.S. in Mathematics Education Program Development Plan – I-04-03
  2. General Education Issues Presentation
  3. Proposed Final Test Schedule – Presentation
  4. Standing Committee Reports

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jane Rogatto