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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

March 25, 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

1. Opening Prayer: J. Rapp recited a short prayer from the Marianist Family Prayer Book.

2. Approval of ECAS Minutes for March 4, 2004: The March 4, 2004 minutes were approved as written.

3. Announcements:

a. It was announced that J. Rogatto will be leaving the University in April. A replacement will be hired to continue helping the Academic Senate and ECAS.

b. A plaque will be given to Dean P. Morman for his fourteen years of service to the Academic Senate at the April Academic Senate meeting.

c. F. Pestello will be sending out a notice to the faculty about the amendment change to the Academic Senate constitution. Presentation of this amendment will be made at the April faculty meeting and ballots will be mailed after the announcement.

4. Old Business:

1. Committee Reports:

Calendar Committee: The committee has not come to a conclusion yet about the start day, Monday or Wednesday, for future fall semesters. Student Services favors student orientation to begin on a Thursday and classes starting on Monday. G. Doyle submitted a proposal regarding schedule changes for the fall terms, but it was decided not to consider it.

Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC): This committee will continue to discuss the use of student evaluations for faculty. They may create a confidential questionnaire to get feedback on how many ways this evaluation is actually being used to judge faculty performance.

Academic Policies Committee (APC): This group will meet on April 2 to review how they will proceed with thematic clusters; discuss those students who do not have enough credit hours to receive a diploma, but would like to walk through the ceremony; and write a consensus on the calendar issue, Monday versus Wednesday start date.

Student Academic Policies Committee (SAPC): The committee agreed to the evening class schedule proposed by G. Doyle. They will submit to S. Johnson a set of guidelines for students who have three or more exams in a day. The SAPC

will also create a set of recommendations regarding student evaluations and how to effectively give feedback to the instructors about their course.

2. *Intelligent Design Resolution*: It was decided that since the State Board of Education has already approved of this measure, it is too late to take any action on this issue.

5. New Business:

3. *Divisional Representation on Faculty Hearing and Grievances Committee*: It has been charged that the College has a disproportionate number of faculty serving on the Faculty Hearing and Grievances Committee. This committee is chosen by election, but is also voluntary where a faculty member can decline the nomination. Therefore, it is assumed that the College, having a larger number of faculty, might have more faculty interested in serving on this committee. It was decided that this issue would be tabled.

There will not be a meeting held on April 1. A meeting will be held on April 8.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jane Rogatto