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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON  
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

September 9, 2004 – 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. in St. Mary's 113B

PRESIDING: John Rapp

SENATORS PRESENT: Biers, Dandaneau, Eloë, Gauder, Hallinan, Pestello, Rapp, Saliba, Yungblut

1. Opening Prayer: J. Rapp read a prayer from the *Marianist Family Prayer Book*.
2. Roll Call:
3. Approval of ECAS Minutes for September 9, 2004: The September 9, 2004 minutes were approved as written.
4. Announcements:
5. Old Business:
  - Standing Committee Reports:
    - Academic Policies Committee (APC)*: D. Biers said committee has not met yet but hottest topic among the faculty right now is classroom space. L. Yungblut added that there are IT issues in those classrooms. J. Rapp asked the Committee if they wanted to get involved in this issue. P. Eloë said he did and wanted to bring two more issues to the Committee: 1) the bells issue, and 2) serious disconnect between academic side and various services (IT—the security parking services—the “one card”). Measures need to be put in place so the issues of the academic side are met. It was also noted that the hall phones did not work the first week. Most of the clocks are battery operated and batteries are not being replaced. It was suggested to start with the classroom issue, and J. Rapp said Patsy Martin would have information on classrooms and he will start with her. J. Saliba noted that classrooms are eliminated without notice and some are combined. He said a policy needs to be developed to maintain the number of classrooms or increasing the number. J. Rapp will ask P. Martin to come to the ECAS and then determine which Committee should work on this.
    - Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)*: H. Gerla was not in attendance and J. Rapp said there is nothing to report since the committee has not met.
    - Student Academic Policies Committee (SAPC)*: N. Buchino was not in attendance and J. Rapp stated that she said no one is running for Student Government from Natural Sciences. He asked the committee to inform her if they knew of anyone that wanted a position on the Senate. N.

Buchino said a meeting took place with P. Meyers and H. Gerla in establishing a UD honor code.

- *Calendar Committee*: S. Dandaneau said their Committee did not meet.
6. New Business:
- J. Rapp said he did meet with Tom Burkhardt about the November faculty meeting. He will distribute material to J. Rapp to send to the entire faculty by November 1.
  - *Report on alcohol issues* – Scott Markland and Pat Donnelly distributed a PowerPoint presentation and discussed their “2004 University of Dayton Alcohol Survey Report” in depth. The alcohol issue on Campus is interfering with student culture in promoting academic excellence. More faculty involvement is needed with the coalition. They need to be more informed about the issue and made aware of the seriousness of it. A faculty group wrote a document “A Call to Action” that they want to get faculty to endorse.

The survey team is comprised of Scott, Pat, Mark Rye and Molly Schaller. The survey is given annually in February in classes in the middle of the week in the middle of the day and has been given three years. About 1200 students were sampled and approximately 750 surveys were returned. One of the big issues is the “quantity” category which had to be changed this year to reflect the high-end drinking. This group consumes between 0-39 drinks in a week. UD is above the national average in terms of number of students drinking (about 88%). The number of male drinkers is much higher than female drinkers but both are a major concern. The consumption levels of men in Business Administration are almost twice that of other men on campus. It was determined that the heavier drinkers have GPA's of generally less than 2.0 or definitely less than 3.5. Typically about 35% of students consume 80% of the alcohol on campus. The influence of this minority group affects the entire campus population. UD is significantly above the national averages in binge drinking (our rate is 76%).

In looking at some of the NSSE data, students are engaged but not challenged. F. Pestello added that the data indicated our students are more satisfied with UD than they are nationally and ranked their relationship with faculty and staff very high. There are negatives too—we far exceed the national norms with students coming to class not having read the material and not prepared and he feels it is directly tied to this. The faculty needs to hold students accountable, and they have to do this collectively and support each other. J. Rapp said the committee will hear from J. Untener at the 9/16 meeting regarding the NSSE information.

- T. Lasley said one thing that is done at the School is to have Frank DePalma come in and talk to the students and inform them that if they have any alcohol related offense, he will not hire them. This has made a big impact on the students. There needs to be consequences for behavior and feels students do not understand this.
- *Senate Web site:* J. Rapp stated that minutes from committee meetings are not available and the place where issues are listed is out-of-date. L. Yungblut said she received complaints that people do not know what is going on in the Senate. It was agreed that, as a starting point, each Committee Chair should be able to get their yearly summary together for posting. All committee chairs should email their minutes to J. Wilson and she will post these to the web site.
  - *Agenda for future meetings –*
    - a) J. Rapp said that the group that put together the Bias Related Policy will be on the 9/16/04 agenda at 9:00. This policy is tentatively operative until January and must be reviewed. The policy will be sent electronically with the agenda.
    - b) At 9:30 Joe Untener and Sean Wilkinson will be on the 9/16/04 agenda to discuss NSSE.
    - c) The agenda for the first Academic Senate Meeting (9/24/04) needs to be formulated. It can be determined if something on the Alcohol Policy and Bias Related Incidents should be discussed at this meeting. J. Saliba suggested discussing Vision 2010. P. Eloe said the bells issue should be discussed.
    - d) The 9/23/04 meeting will need to begin at **8:15 a.m.** because Robert Johnson will be talking to the Committee about Enrollment Management plans and he has a conflict at 9:00.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Wilson