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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON  
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

September 16, 2004 – 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. in St. Mary's 113B

PRESIDING: John Rapp

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

1. Opening Prayer: J. Rapp read a prayer from *St. Francis of Assisi*.
2. Roll Call:
3. Approval of ECAS Minutes for September 9, 2004: The September 9, 2004 minutes were approved with a formatting change to the Calendar Committee section (one sentence only about the committee not meeting) and the information about meeting with Tom Burkhardt being listed under "New Business."
4. Announcements:
  - a. J. Rapp said Dustin Anderson will no longer be on the Academic Senate and Tom Skill will name a replacement.
  - b. H. Gauder said the library will be open until 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.
  - c. J. Rapp reminded everyone that the 9/23 ECAS meeting will begin at 8:15 with Robert Johnson's presentation.
  - d. J. Rapp said that Patsy Martin and Tom Westendorf will be at the 9/30 ECAS meeting.
5. Old Business:
  - Standing Committee Reports:
    - Academic Policies Committee (APC)*: D. Biers said the committee is trying to reach a resolution on walking and distributed a handout on commencement/graduation. Thematic clusters and classrooms are two other issues they are working on.
    - Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)*: H. Gerla was not in attendance.
    - Student Academic Policies Committee (SAPC)*: N. Buchino said that three new students have been appointed to the Academic Senate.
6. New Business:
  - *Bias-Related Incident Team* – Paul Becker and Ron Katsuyama gave their presentation discussing the interim policy and procedures on hate crimes and bias-related incidents (sent electronically with agenda) and flow chart

- of the process of handling complaints. The policy strengthens the legal aspect. The Senate does not have to approve; it is an evaluation of the policy. It was brought up that academic freedom will be an issue. F. Pestello stated that the President's Council had its own concerns and wanted this committee to look at it. The question was asked if the police took the initiative on these reports and R. Katsuyama said only if it is a crime. It was stated that there is a reluctance for students to go to the campus police because of a distrust of them. R. Katsuyama stated that because of limited resources, the campus police cannot pursue the bias-related incidences. A three member team will be assigned to a particular case within 24 hours and they will make a decision whether the police should have done something with the crime. The BRIT chair is Lynnette Heard. The question was asked how the people are selected. This item will be possibly assigned to the Faculty Affairs Committee.
- *NSSE results* – Joe Untener and Sean Wilkinson gave their presentation. UD sampled all first and fourth year students. The results are broken down by various factors: SAT/ACT, gender, number of hours registered for, number of hours completed at UD, etc. D. Biers asked for a list of the other schools that took this. It was stated that anyone can go to their dean and see this data. The report will be posted on the website at the end of this week. The School of Education is looking at objectives with NCATE and Mary Morton is looking at things involving the College. It was stated that students are pleased with their education at UD. S. Dandaneau said that UD doesn't have a high level of academic pressure. L. Yungblut raised the question of how does faculty address student preparedness and student engagement with larger classes. It was brought up that one of the roles of the faculty would be to critique the findings and data. F. Pestello said the report from Scott and Pat last week indicated that UD has a significant problem with binge drinking; he feels we are not rigorous enough. P. Elloe suggested getting rid of introductory classes and replacing them with harder classes. S. Dandaneau agreed that 101's are child's play and not as challenging as they should be. J. Untener thinks we need to concentrate on student engagement. It was stated that more assessments of the results are needed. J. Untener will provide an electronic copy.
  - *Agenda for September 24 full Senate meeting* – J. Rapp said there will be a semi structured discussion on Vision 2010. The Senate will be divided into 6 groups discussing the Vision.

J. Rapp asked each committee chair to give a recap.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Wilson