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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

February 28, 2005 – 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in St. Mary's 113B

PRESIDING: David Biers

SENATORS PRESENT: Biddle, Biers, Buchino, Eloë, Gerla, Huelsman, Penno, Pestello, Rapp, Webb, Yungblut

1. Opening Prayer: D. Biers read a meditation.
2. Roll Call:
3. Approval of ECAS Minutes for February 21, 2005: The February 21 minutes were approved as written.
4. Announcements:
 - a. D. Biers discussed Jim Farrelly's memo and said a clear listing of the items each subcommittee is considering needs to be posted on the website so people can react to them if they desire, and the Senate information needs to be up-to-date.
5. Old Business:
 - o Standing Committee Reports:
 - Academic Policies Committee (APC)*: J. Biddle said the committee is discussing: 1) writing assignments – proposal to look at longer writing assignments and required term papers for every class; 2) thematic clusters – determine what needs to be reviewed and who needs the input provided to them before the meeting with Mary Morton in two weeks; and, 3) academic dishonesty – information concerning plagiarism to Mark Brill for review.
 - Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)*: L. Yungblut said the FAC met and the principle topic of conversation was about the Senate Constitution and elections. It was stated that the FAC should also review the issue concerning the SGA VP holding an ex officio role. The committee wants to review data about grade trends since the implementation of the plus and minus system to see if it has affected grades at UD. F. Pestello said he is in favor of sharing all grade data by department and division but not by individual instructor. The FAC had a question about the admissions process—is it based strictly on scores and grades, or are service and other extracurricular activities still considered? F. Pestello stated that Admissions does take into account grades, class rank, test scores, class activities, letters of recommendation, and personal essays.
 - Student Academic Policies Committee (SAPC)*: N. Buchino said she had received only two responses from the ECAS regarding the Honor

Code. The question was asked if the Honor Code deals only with academic dishonesty and that fact was confirmed. The Honor Code will be a part of Virtual Orientation. H. Gerla said he would work on the statements in Section II "The Honor Pledge". It was suggested to change the wording in this section from *application* to *registration* and delete *which is subject to the jurisdiction of the Honor Code* from the first paragraph. Students would need to sign the Honor Code only once (when they register); however, professors could have students sign it at the top of tests. It was determined to delete the last two sentences in Section III F. It was decided to remove Section IV "Student Status with Respect to the Honor Code" which pertains to rules and procedures. It was stated that this document was sent to Deb Bickford and Joe Untener also. Committee members need to respond to N. Buchino by Wednesday, March 2 no later than 4:00 p.m. with any revisions they might have. After revisions have been incorporated into a final draft, it will be emailed to the Academic Senate for presentation on March 11.

6. New Business:

- *Agenda for March 11 Academic Senate Meeting –*
 - Honor Code – N. Buchino
 - Grade Inflation – D. Biers
 - Provost's Committees – F. Pestello
 - Anthem/Premier Update – J. Carter

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Wilson