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Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate

October 23, 2006

St. Mary's 113 B; 10:00 AM

Present: J. Biddle, D. Biers (presiding), D. Courte, P. Johnson, M. Morton, J.O'Gorman, R. Penno, F. Pestello, R. Wells

J. Farrelly (Faculty Board); Kerin Banfield (Leadership UD)

Roll Call:

Nine of the twelve members of the Committee were present.

Prayer:

D. Biers opened the meeting with a child's breakfast grace in honor of his new grandchild.

Approval of Minutes:

October 16, 2006 approved.

Announcements:

- D Biers reminded members that the search process for the VP for Enrollment Management required that they review materials on October 25 in the Provost office and attend a meeting October 26 from 5:30 until 8:00 PM. That meeting is in SM 113B

Old Business:

The following reports were received:

- J. Biddle reported for the Academic Policies Committee of the Academic Senate. They held a planning session to begin to prepare for a second stage of work on the "Habits of Inquiry" document if the first stage receives Senate approval. The sub-committee is in the process of conducting open hearings on the first part of this document. The Committee will next meet on November 9.
- D. Biers reported for the Faculty Affairs Committee of the Academic Senate. They are holding open meetings on the Promotion and Tenure document and continuing to work on the Faculty Background Check process.
- D. Courte reported for the Student Academic policies committee of the Academic Committee. They met last Friday to discuss the Promotion and Tenure document.
- D. Biers reported on the agenda for the next Provost Council Meeting to be held October 24. Unit Reviews are the main item of business.
- D. Biers reported on the Campus Master Planning Steering Group. He emphasized that this is an advisory group and that all decisions will be made at the levels of the Senior Leadership Team and finally the Board of Trustees. He will arrange a meeting for ECAS with the planning group.
- D. Biers reported on the meeting of the Board of Trustees. The change in the Constitution of the Academic Senate was approved. F. Pestello will see that this information is

promulgated. The Academic Affairs Committee of the Board received presentations from the committees that have formulated the Promotion and Tenure Document, the Post-tenure Review Document, and the Evaluation of Teaching Document. These were well-received. The President and Vice-President of the Academic Senate also attended this meeting. F. Pestello added that the Board will receive reports in January on the “Habits of Inquiry” document and in May on the Graduate School Strategy.

New Business:

The Committee discussed the process for reviewing the materials for the candidates for the Enrollment Management position. A rating-form was reviewed and finalized. All materials will remain in the Provost office for purposes of review on Wednesday, October 25 and 26. J. Owen has distributed information to all members of the executive Committee regarding the process.

D. Biers indicated that he had received some suggested revisions and recommendations from the Provost Committee that worked on the Promotion and Tenure Document. It was agreed that these will be forwarded, through the Academic Senate quickplace, to the standing committees and that the final version of the document will be completed by the Faculty Affairs Committee.

Discussion of the Statement on Professionalism was put off for the next meeting. J. Farrelly noted that an open discussion sponsored by the Academic Senate, the Faculty Board, and the AAUP on this and related issues would be a positive initiative. Members agreed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Johnson, Secretary