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Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate

March 5, 2008

St. Mary's 113 B; 12:00 PM

Present: D. Biers (presiding), T. Eggemeier, P. Johnson, L. Laubach, J. O'Gorman, F. Pestello, A. Seielstad, R. Wells

J. Farrelly (Faculty Board)

Roll Call:

Eight members of the Committee were present.

Prayer:

The meeting opened with a prayer offered by J. O'Gorman

Approval of Minutes:

Revised minutes of February 20, 2008 were approved. Minutes of February 27, 2008 were approved.

Announcements:

- L. Laubach announced that elections for members of the Academic Senate will take place the weeks of March 10 and March 31.
- L. Laubach announced that the work on University committees is moving forward. He will meet with Judy Owens and then with the Provost Council.

New Business:

- The Executive Committee received a request from the President's Office to provide a list of faculty names for potential membership on the Honorary Degree Committee. The Executive Committee reviewed the list of current members and compiled a list of possible new members for consideration. D. Biers will forward this list to the Provost for communication with the President.
- The Committee briefly discussed the document that P. Johnson is working on concerning Senate Policies and Procedures. Johnson asked for advice on some of the structuring of the document. The Executive Committee will begin considering the current draft in pieces.

Old Business:

- J. O'Gorman reported for the Academic Policies Committee of the Academic Senate. In its discussions of the Common Academic Program subcommittee, the members of APCAS have expressed a reluctance to concur with the Executive Committee's request to make library resource materials being used by the subcommittee available to the University community. There seems to be some confusion as to which materials are being requested for public dissemination. Both committees ground their understanding of the situation in important academic principles. In order to facilitate communication and the work of curriculum review, F. Pestello agreed to work with the chairperson of APCAS

and ECAS to find the best way to resolve the concerns of both committees in a manner that will facilitate the good working order of the Academic Senate.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Johnson, Secretary