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Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
September 8, 2008
St. Mary's 113 B; 1:00 PM

Present: P. Benson, D. Biers, D. Darrow (presiding), G. Doyle, H. Gauder, J. Greenlee, N. Jolani, R. Kearns, L. Laubach, J. Saliba

Absent: A. Reichle, A. Seielstad

Roll Call: Ten out of twelve members of the committee were present.

Prayer: Lloyd Laubach opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of August 25, 2008 were approved as amended.

Announcements:

1. The first Senate meeting of 2008-2009 will be September 26. An agenda will be determined at the September 15 ECAS meeting.
2. Tom Skill will discuss Intellectual Property at the September 15 ECAS meeting.
3. Tom Skill will discuss the new laptop requirements at the September 26 Senate meeting

Old Business:

1. Academic Policy Committee:
 - a. The APC looked at the new Honors and Scholars document. It will likely be moved to the ECAS on September 15. The hope is to move it to the full Senate in September for discussion and possibly a vote to accept the new structure.
 - b. The APC is considering the Common Academic Program (CAP) document. Specific questions will be put to Don Pair (chair of the CAP committee) at the next APC meeting. The APC will then decide on how and when to best hold open forums for faculty input.
2. Faculty Affairs Committee:
 - a. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 11. First on the agenda is a review of the maternity leave survey that was taken of the faculty in the spring of 2008. It was mentioned that the chair of the committee (Lloyd Laubach) has received requests from faculty to attend the FAC meeting when discussing maternity leave. It was pointed out that all Senate committee meetings are open.
3. Student Academic Policies Committee
 - a. The SAPC co-chairs have met, but a time for the whole committee to meet has not yet been established. The main issue for the SAPC is to review a Student Assessment of Teaching tool formulated last spring semester.
 - b. The committee will also look at special grants from SGA that students may apply for.

Provost Council:

1. The council is working to establish a priorities list for resources – especially for extra monies generated by the larger than expected enrollment.

2. An Office of Student Success (OSS) will be created to look at retention trends and determine why students withdrawal from the university.
3. Enrollment Management will re-examine the concept of the Learning/Living Communities to look for problems and suggest improvements.

New Business:

1. Provost Search
 - a. The ECAS will meet with the Provost Search Consultant on Wednesday, September 10.
 - b. There is concern over the amount of authority and responsibility the Provost should have.
 - c. The ECAS reviewed the position description.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Monday, September 15, 2008 at 1:00 pm in St. Mary's 113 B;

Respectfully Submitted By:

George R. Doyle, Jr.

Secretary of the Senate