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Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
September 15, 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, A. Reichle, J. Saliba

Absent: A. Seielstad

Guest: Chris Duncan (APC Chair), Jim Farrelly (Faculty Board), Tom Skill (Assoc. Provost)

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

Prayer: Dave Darrow opened the meeting with a reflection.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of September 8, 2008 minutes was postponed due to several members not able to download them.

Announcements: Two open meetings for discussions with the consultant for the Provost search will be held.

Old Business:

1. Intellectual Property – Tom Skill reporting
 - a. The University of Dayton has assumed that faculty have rights over courses they develop.
 - b. Stevens Institute has a good policy for faculty rights to courses they have developed, but faculty must sign over copy-rights.
 - c. UD has a 2002 document that states that faculty members own courses they develop, but other UD faculty may also use the course. SOEAP has a policy in line with UD's policy.
 - d. AAUP has requested that UD adopt an IP policy.
 - e. UDRI has an IP policy in place; a faculty policy should not undermine the UDRI policy.
 - f. SOEAP specifically hired an individual to develop a series of online courses.
 - g. Why are we concerned? Answer: We need to have a policy before, or if, an issue is raised. The policy should protect the faculty.
 - h. The FAC should develop an addendum to UD's policy on IP (covering patents, etc).
2. University of Dayton Honors Program
 - a. A task force, assigned by the Provost office, has developed a major revision to the present "Scholars and Honors" Program. The revised program was submitted to the APC. After a few modifications the APC concurred with the program and is now asking the ECAS to place it before the Senate.
 - b. A few questions were raised for clarification.
 - c. It was moved and supported unanimously that the UHP be submitted to the full Senate for Legislative Concurrence.

Committee Reports:

- a. Faculty Affairs Committee – The issue of the Maternity Leave policy was discussed at the last meeting. Assoc. Provost Joe Untener will attend the next FAC meeting to

discuss the present policy and possible modifications.

- b. Academic Policies Committee – The Common Academic Program report is under review. The APC will suggest a program of forums to gather information from the faculty. A revised version of the CAP will then be developed by January.
- c. Student Academic Policies Committee – The committee has not been able to find a time at which a quorum of its members can meet.

Senate Agenda for September 26

- 1. Committee Reports
- 2. Honors and Scholars Program – DOC 1 – 07 – 04
- 3. Update on changes to laptop policy.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Monday, September 22, 2008 at 1:00 pm in St. Mary's 113 B;

Respectfully Submitted By:

George R. Doyle, Jr.

Secretary of the Senate