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Present: Dori Spaulding, Joseph Valenzano (Chair), Carissa Krane, Corinne Daprano, Emily Hicks, Mark Jacobs, Jason Pierce, Deo Eustace, Lee Dixon, Mateo Chavez, Paul Benson, Andrea Seielstad

Excused: none

Guests: Eric Spina

Announcements:

- Next ECAS meeting Fall Semester TBA
- Next Academic Senate meeting Fall Semester TBA
- Next ELC meeting is Monday, May 15, 2017, 10:30-noon

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Minutes from last ECAS meeting were approved with no corrections.

New Business:

The first three agenda items were taken care of by the APC committee prior to the ECAS meeting.

End of Year Conversation: (Eric Spina)

Dr. Spina thanked each member of ECAS and expressed gratitude for her/his service. ECAS encouraged Dr. Spina to continue working on issues of equity and gender at UD.

Vice Presidential Promotion Policy: (Eric Spina)

Dr. Spina presented the draft policy on Selection and Appointment of Vice Presidents for comment. Members of ECAS commented that the draft looked good and the tone was “spot on.”

Dr. Spina presented title changes for three positions under his purview. The rationale included aligning each position to the same position at other universities. These are not promotions because the job duties remain the same for each position. The committee commented that the perception of administrative bloat was always a concern and that communication of the changes was important.

Provost Office discussion: (Paul Benson)

P. Benson discussed some position changes he is considering. The committee provided feedback on the changes and expressed some concerns.
UNRC Task Force on Merit Selections:

The committee reviewed the names received from the UNRC process and agreed on the names to send forward to the Provost.

Reappointment of Lee Dixon to CAP-C:

The committee agreed to reappoint Lee Dixon (CAS-SSC) to a second three-year term on CAPC.

Housekeeping Items:

J. Valenzano thanked the members of ECAS for a great year. He thanked Dorie for completing two years as the Graduate Student representative, Carissa for six years on Senate (two as President, 1 as Vice President), and Emily for six years on Senate and ECAS (three as Secretary).

P. Benson thanked the members of ECAS for a very productive and collegial year. He expressed special gratitude to student representatives, Mateo and Dorie.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Hicks