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Senate Executive Committee Minutes
January 14, 2008, 2:45 p.m.

Members Present: Bud Baker, RSCOB; Jackie Bergdahl, COLA; Barbara Fowler, CONH; Richard Schuster; BSOM; Eileen Self, CEHS; Tom Sudkamp, Faculty President; Kefu Xue, CECS; Pam Zambenini, Faculty Office.

1. EC discussed the **Research Misconduct Policy** and recognized the considerable amount of work the committee put into its creation. A question was raised regarding page eight, paragraph d. Deciding Official (DO). A suggestion was made that the second and third sentences should be changed to read, "...the ~~RIO~~ DO will be so informed. If the allegation is considered some other form of misconduct, the ~~DO~~ RIO will refer the allegation..." There was some concern about clarity, specifically on page two, the paragraph beginning, "This policy and associated procedures..."
2. Dr. Sudkamp presented the committee with a draft policy on **Academic Unit Name Changes** and updated the committee on his meeting with Dr. Rickert regarding this topic. The committee discussed the need for the policy and its ramifications. EC supported returning to Dr. Rickert for further clarification.
3. Dr. Sudkamp informed the committee of a meeting with the President, Provost, Associate Vice President for Facilities Planning and Development, and others that considered the impact of implementing the final step in the **Campus Master Plan**. He reported that moving ahead with the plan as it was adopted over 10 years ago would result in the loss of 200-300 **parking spaces** near Millett Hall and the Creative Arts Building. At the meeting, Dr. Sudkamp indicated that this would be odds with the Senate recommendation that parking spaces be added to main campus. The administration has delayed beginning this renovation until the completion of a more wide ranging analysis of future building and development on main campus.
4. Dr. Sudkamp updated the committee on **privacy issues**. Currently there are laws in place to protect student privacy but faculty need to be made aware of what they can and cannot do regarding student privacy. The EC supported asking Gwen Mattison, Office of General Council or Gary Dickstein, Office of Judicial Affairs, to help draft an informational document that can be provided to faculty regarding student privacy rights.
5. The Senate has been asked to consider the development of a **Freedom of Speech Policy** for Wright State. The committee reviewed the current Wright State Policies on speech and on demonstrations.
6. Dr. Sudkamp updated the committee on the **University System of Ohio**. All university presidents will be meeting soon and a Master Plan will be coming at the end of March with more information available then. Four goals and sub-goals have been identified for the University System of Ohio. As of this time, no funding formula has been adopted.

Submitted by Pam Zambenini