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Minutes
Senate Executive Committee
January 19, 2009

- 1) The committee discussed an e-mail from a faculty member, in response to FacultyLine #186. Dr. White expressed interest regarding recycling on campus, bike path availability and the quality of food items available in vending machines.

Some suggestions will be sent to the Buildings & Grounds Committee and Dr. Sudkamp noted that a special report on energy would be presented at the February 2, 2009 Senate meeting. EC members compared recycling practices within their department or college and noted that there are widely varying collection methods across campus. Dr. Sudkamp will contact Steve Farrell, Director of Environmental Health and Safety to inquire about the on-campus recycling programs.

- 2) Executive Committee received an update from Dr. Sudkamp regarding the possible semesters conversion. Of primary concern was how EC should proceed in receiving faculty input regarding the forthcoming proposal. After much discussion, EC supported placing a referendum on the February 2, 2009 Senate agenda under New Business and requesting a suspension of the rules for the item to be voted on as Old Business the same day. Following this, faculty support will be solicited by voting via a secure website and a recommendation will be made to the administration and then Board of Trustees.

- 3) The Committee approved the agenda for the February 2, 2009 Senate meeting.

- 4) Dr. Sudkamp noted that at the Ohio Faculty Council meeting of Friday, January 9 in Columbus, the OFC was considering making a formal recommendation regarding a bill pending before Ohio House and Senate. Dr. Sudkamp requested the Executive Committee's opinion on the appropriate role of Faculty Senate or the Faculty President in making recommendations on legislation. The committee agreed with Dr. Sudkamp that, it would be inappropriate for the Faculty President to vote on such issues if such a vote can be construed as officially representing the faculty or Wright State.