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EC Minutes
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1. Course Management Systems – Based on comment received from the Information Technology Committee, the Senate Executive Committee does not advise moving to one course management system and does not support the Resolution submitted to Executive Committee from Student Government.
2. CATS Projects 23-25
 - #23 - Elimination of VHS playback in Electronic Classrooms
Several additional concerns were raised and are being discussed regarding copyright laws and copying VHS tapes into other formats and funding to replace VHS tapes with DVDs, as the units are phased out over the next four years. Faculty need to be informed that units will be phased out.
 - #24 - Elimination of Video Service into classrooms
Executive Committee supports the recommendation of the IT Committee to move forward with this project.
 - #25 - Management of University Owned Smart Phones and other Mobile Devices
The Senate Executive Committee discussed the issue and had additional questions on which they will seek input. The committee supports the recommendation from the IT Committee to continue investigation on possible options.
3. The Executive Committee hosted Dr. Lang Hong who sought input regarding the necessary approval process for offering degree programs overseas. The EC recommended that the programs receive approval from both the Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee and the Graduate School depending on the degree offered.
4. The Executive Committee received an update from UCAPC about the change regarding the length of time students will be allowed to remain in University College after the semester transition. Currently, students can remain in UC for 90-quarter hours, or two years. Under the semester system, students are required to move to a college after 30 semester hours, or one year, after which they will be considered non-degree. EC expressed concerns about moving students out of UC and how this will affect student retention.
5. Executive Committee discussed the conversion of graduate curriculum from quarters to semesters and supported materials being submitted to Faculty Senate for approval.
6. Executive Committee discussed the possibility of requiring freshman students to purchase a clicker for the TurningPoint audience response system (clickers). This system “integrates 100% into Microsoft® PowerPoint® and allows audiences and students to participate in presentations or lectures by submitting responses to

interactive questions using a ResponseCard™ keypad or other hand-held/computer devices (clickers)” and becomes a real-time data collection and assessment tool. The EC will forward this issue to the Information Technology Committee

7. The Executive Committee received an update on the timeblock issue. No action was taken.
8. Faculty President Jacqueline Bergdahl updated the Executive Committee on the last Ohio Faculty Council meeting and comments by Chancellor Petro.
9. Based on the last meeting of the Budget Priority Committee, Faculty President Bergdahl will compose a letter to the Deans and Provost recommending that each college form a Faculty Budget Priority Committee to allow faculty input on the college level. This would be in addition to the Faculty Budget Priority Committee of Faculty Senate and is especially important in light of the transition to a resource centered management budget system. President-Elect Dan Krane stated that COSM had not been supportive of forming a committee; however, RSCOB EC representative Carole Endres felt that RSCOB would be amenable. Other EC members did not comment.
10. The EC received an update on upcoming presentations on a revised Master Plan.