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Executive Committee Minutes: 11/16/06

Members in Attendance: Tom Cook, Jim Eck, Larry Eng-Wilmot, Cat McConnell, Wendy Brandon, Sharon Carnahan, Hoyt Edge

I. 11/02/06 EC minutes approved – Wendy made additions to the minutes. Accepted as amended.

II. Discussion on CIE Faculty Presentation – Wendy clarified that this is not a proposal but a report. A motion will be made at the faculty meeting to accept Don's recommendations. Larry: PSC was supposed to bring the findings of the CIE before the faculty, so they could vote to formal accept or decline the online system. However Don's proposal is for a new administration of the CIE by using Scantrons.

III. Proposed revisions to Honors Program: Sharon: The Honors Degree Program is a different degree from the standard undergraduate degree. The Honors Committee says the program is experiencing a high dropout rate (fewer graduates than in the past). The Honors Advisory Committee realizes the program is a 4 year program, and that these revision are only for the first 2 years. Revision for the last two years will follow once it's determined if the revision for the first year are working.

Suggested Revisions: 1. Advisory committee won't choose a theme and course, Professors will choose courses and design theme together; 2. In the past there was only one course with multiple sections, now there will be two courses; 3. The new program will have true team teaching vs. tag teaching with 2 professors per course; 4. The program will be more selective cutting down from 45 to 30 students a year; 5. Students will be advised to take courses across divisions and their transcripts will be reviewed by the Honors Board. AAC was not thrilled with the extent of revisions that were presented, but realize the Honors Program is in serious need of a revision and this is the way they've decided to go.

Wendy: I don't believe they've covered all the bases; team teaching is very time consuming. Hoyt: First time team teaching counts as a full course, and they may assume this counts for every time they teach the course. Sharon & Wendy: Disagree that they shouldn't receive full credit for the course. Sharon: It's EC's decision to decide if this proposal is ready for the faculty to vote on. Hoyt: This is a different degree, they are trying to wed the program with our general education requirements but they don't need to. The courses taken by students could fulfill more than one division. The courses being taught next spring will count for either program (Old and New). Sharon: If we go back to Honors Committee and ask them to look at the staffing inequities I don't think they will change the proposal. Hoyt: They have addressed the inequities and this is the proposed program. Cat: moves that EC send this proposal to the faculty. Seconded. Approved

IV. Notes on Faculty Meeting for Dec 6: Encourage everyone to gather on time because we have several major business issues. The CIE report will be the first order of business at the meeting.

V. **PSC Lectures:** Can lectures teach longer than 6 years? PSC opposed the idea of lecturers being allowed to teach longer than 6 years.

Decisions:

1. 11/2 EC minutes approved with amendments
2. Proposed revisions to Honors Program: sent to faculty