

BGSURA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2011
COLLEGE PARK, ROOM 2

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Anderson, David Chilson, Jim Corbitt, Ramona Cormier, Jim Gordon, Joan Gordon, Ted Groat, Paul Haas, Sue Hager, Linda Hamilton, Joe Jacoby, Paul Lopez, Janet Parks, Chris Sexton, Genevieve Stang, Eldon Snyder, Elmer Spreitzer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Diana Shamp, Harold Lunde, Chuck McCaghy

President Cormier called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Haas moved that the minutes of the February 16, 2011, meeting be approved, with the spelling of data base to be corrected. The motion was seconded and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Lunde sent his financial report for distribution. As of April 15, income was \$17,891.99, and expenses were \$8,678.44, with a balance of \$9,213.55. Report is attached with the minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cormier thanked everyone for their help during her administration. Spreitzer moved that Board recognize and thank Cormier for her many years of dedicated service to the retirees. The motion was seconded and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING – Chair Parks reported the names of nominees and resulting openings in several positions. With Chilson resigning to be a candidate for president, that would leave the vice president's position open. Linda Hamilton has agreed to serve for one year in this position if the Board appoints her. The new president would then appoint someone to fill Hamilton's director's position, with the recommendation from the Nominating Committee being Hal Lunde. Hager moved to approve the Nominating Committee's "thorough" report. The motion was seconded and approved.

PROGRAM – Chair Chilson reported there will be general membership meetings in September, November, March, and May. New BGSU president Mary Ellen Mazey will be asked to be the speaker at a special meeting in October.

ACTIVITIES – Activities planned by Wally Pretzer are a wine tasting and a Mud Hens ball game.

BYLAWS – The Bylaws need to clarify the process by which a representative to Faculty Senate is elected.

MEMBERSHIP – Co-chair Corbitt reported that the committee is reaching out to Classified Staff retirees.

BENEVOLENCE – Chilson reported that Chuck McCaghy is resigning from the Board because he has another obligation at the same time as Board meetings.

DATA BASE/NEWSLETTER – Jim Gordon reported that 150 employees retired last year. There are fewer now. In March 2011, five employees retired.

OCHER – Anderson and Stang reported on the OCHER conference held March 15 which they and Lunde attended. Participants discussed making the case with legislators and others that the Defined Benefit Plan represents a “responsible retirement” that helps the economy and preserves taxpayers’ dollars. (Summary of Talking Point Comments and Selected Action Plans, OCHER/STRS Conference March 15, 2011, which was distributed by Anderson and Stang, is attached to the minutes) Stang noted the whole process bears watching and retirees should be wary of Defined Contributions.

OFFICE STAFFING – No report.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COUNCIL – Hamilton reported that she had attended two meetings of the Council since the last Board meeting. At the March meeting, collaboration with academic areas was discussed along with the budget needed to best serve students. In April Sherideen Stoll, vice president for finance and administration, explained the University is expecting a 16 percent cut from the state and that the University budget will probably be considered by the University Trustees at a meeting June 23-24. Parking changes are coming in August. A \$120 parking fee per person would be used to pay for parking lots, etc.

CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL – Sexton noted some of the concerns of the Classified Staff Council are how will changes in contributions to OPERS affect them, wording in grievance and disciplinary policies, and the decrease in the number of classified staff. She said there were 1,300 classified staff members in 1979 and 643 in 2010.

FACULTY SENATE – No report.

RETIREMENT INFORMATION VOLUNTEERS – Sexton reported that seven persons had been counseled since late February.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **BGSURA Research Office**

President Cormier reported that she had had no response to her e-mail sent to the Provost regarding the office.

- **Golden Book Award**

According to BGSURA’s “policy” regarding the scholarship, a student from the College of Health and Human Services will be the recipient this year.

- **BGSURA Relationship to the University**

The Professional Committee should continue to be aware of what the University will decide in terms of collective bargaining and other issues.

Cormier noted that she has heard good comments about the new President, Mary Ellen Mazey.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Slate of Officers and Board Members**

This item covered under Nominating Committee report.

- **Possible Meeting with New President**

Haas moved that incoming President Mazey be invited to be a guest at the September Convocation and speaker in 2012. The motion was seconded and approved.

- **BGSURA's Computer Assistance**

Gordon reported that the funding for Charlie Applebaum's assistance to retirees having computer problems has been withdrawn. The funding had been moved from the Provost's office to Information Technology. Gordon will get more information. Anderson will also try to get information from other Ohio universities.

Cormier will talk with Chilson about the date for the next Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Joan Gordon
Secretary Pro Tem