

BGSURA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2013 – 1:30 p.m.
COLLEGE PARK OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 2

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Anderson, Charlie Applebaum, David Chilson, Ellen Dalton, Pat Fitzgerald, Jim Gordon, Joan Gordon, Sue Hager, Linda Hamilton, Barbara Keller, Pat Koehler, Paul Lopez, Barbara Moses, Jan Peterson, Elmer Spreitzer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Corbitt, Gaylyn Finn, Tom Hern, Joe Jacoby, Karel King, Tina Martini, Carol Sanner, Genevieve Stang

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Chilson welcoming each member.

MINUTES

No corrections being noted, Joan Gordon made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2013 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Charlie Applebaum. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Treasurer Gaylyn Finn, President Chilson shared the April 2013 Treasurer's Report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Chilson noted the upcoming changes in the BGSU email system—more discussion under New Business. Details would be included in the newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES – Co-chair Pat Koehler talked about the group trip to the BGSU play Spring Awakening on April 18. 25-26 persons have responded. There will be a discussion with the director beforehand. On May 7 there will be a luncheon at Stone Ridge Golf Club with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra woodwind quintet. Cost of the lunch is \$16. Koehler is looking for feedback afterwards—is it worth doing each year? Is there interest in exploring package deals for BGSURA members? Possible buses to TSO concerts? Unfortunately, May 7 is the day before the regular May 8 luncheon meeting, but that is the day that the TSO performers are available.

BENEVOLENCE – No report.

BYLAWS – There are no suggestions for updates or amendments.

DATABASE – Paul Lopez reported that the database “is in good order”.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Co-chair Sue Hager reported that there are currently 428 members including “comps”. 345 are paid. Last year at this time there were 405 members.

Last year of the 78 “comps”, 1/3 converted to paid membership. Accolades were given to Jim Gordon for his great work with the newsletter.

NEWSLETTER – Editor Jim Gordon is finishing his last newsletter. The “owners” of the BGSURA listserv are the President, Jim Gordon, and Carol Lininger. It was suggested to add Paul Lopez.

WEB DEVELOPER – No report.

NOMINATING – Chair Jan Peterson announced the slate of candidates that the Nominating Committee members, including Patricia Griffith, Karel King, Chris Dalton and herself, put together. The ballot will be in the May newsletter.

President: Chris Sexton

Treasurer: Gaylyn Finn (running for re-election)

Board Members: Tina Martini and Barbara Moses; Ellen Dalton, Linda Hamilton, Karel King and Paul Lopez (running for re-election)

OFFICE STAFFING – Chair Barbara Keller thanked everyone for volunteering to staff the office this spring semester.

PROGRAMS – Co-chair Barbara Moses reported that the committee is still working on securing a speaker for the last program in May 2014. Ryan Wichman is the committee’s choice (meteorologist for Channel 11), but he currently does the Monday noon news program. We will see what develops by May 2014.

OCHER – Roger Anderson reported that he could not attend the latest OCHER meeting. From the February STRS board meeting, the life of the health care fund has been extended 21 years since last year, due to recent retirement system changes. It is now projected to 2060. As of January 31 2013, investments are up 9.7% since July 1 2012. Anderson suggested adding another person to attend meetings, due to the health issues of Genevieve Stang. That person will be appointed by the new president.

FACULTY SENATE – No report.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COUNCIL – Observer Linda Hamilton reported that at the March meeting the guest speaker was Robin Gerrow, Director of Marketing & Communications. BG Magazine is now available as an “app”. The University is re-doing its website. Discussed at the meeting were a telecommuting policy, morale and employee appreciation programs, flexible scheduling, and communication. At the April 4 meeting, there was no guest speaker. It was discussed that the new faculty contract would have no impact on administrative staff. Faculty would be filling out sick leave forms and pay for parking and have the same health plan as administrative staff. There are no plans to further outsource administrative staff. A tobacco ban policy is being implemented which would prohibit smoking except in cars or special areas near parking lots. ASC is restructuring committees and functional areas due to staff changes. The ASC is celebrating its 30th anniversary and Dr. Michael Ferrari will attend the reception on Wednesday, April 10 from 5-6:30.

CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL – In her absence, Observer Tina Martini submitted a written report. In February Dr. Steve Kampf, Director of Recreation & Wellness, discussed the renovation of the Student Recreation Center which opened in 1979. The project should be completed by fall 2014. Additional guest speaker was Deb Busdecker, Director of Student Health Service, highlighting aspects of the new Center being built on Wooster St. across from the main campus. At the March meeting, President Mary Ellen Mazey was the guest speaker and talked about possible BGSU directional signs from Rte. 6, possible additional two-year programs at Firelands campus, the next building projects on the main campus, the faculty contract, new partnerships between BGSU and the city of Bowling Green, moving the Ice Arena from the Recreation & Wellness program to Intercollegiate Athletics, the Positioning Statement and Strategic Plan goals. The Service Awards ceremony was to be held March 26—for the first time this year the ceremony will include faculty, administrative staff and classified staff.

RETIREMENT INFORMATION – No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW EMAIL SYSTEM – President Chilson shared an email he received from Steve Letzring, special projects manager in the office of the CIO. BGSU is changing the email system for students and retirees again—Falcon Mail is being discontinued as of May 2013 and upgraded to Office 365. Email users will be receiving messages about the transition. Emeritus faculty are not affected at this point; however, in the near future all BGSU email accounts will be unified under Office 365 including current faculty and staff and emeritus faculty. It is promised that emails sent to Falcon Mail accounts will be automatically forwarded to the Office 365 account indefinitely. Key improvements include everyone having to SkyDrive Pro and 25 GB of personal storage.

NEWSLETTER FUTURE – Pat Fitzgerald suggested that a committee be formed to discuss the future of the newsletter which is a vital communication link for BGSURA. Volunteering were Paul Lopez, Dave Chilson, Ellen Dalton, Barbara Keller, Jim Gordon and Pat Fitzgerald. A meeting will be held at a later date.

Roger Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Charlie Applebaum seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is July 10, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Dalton, in the absence of Carol Sanner, Secretary