



Convocation luncheon speaker on September 14 will be BGSU President Mary Ellen Mazey

Dr. Mazey, the 11th president of BGSU, started her fifth year at BGSU in July 2015. She will speak about the university's accomplishments for 2014-15 and the challenges ahead for 2015-16 and help us kick off our 20th anniversary year.

BGSU Retirees Association Celebrates 20th Anniversary

The convocation this year will be the 21st for BGSURA, marking the 20th anniversary of its founding. Dr. Sam Cooper, retired from HPER, was the major driving force in starting the BGSU Retirees Association. He sought institutional support and assembled a committee to develop a Constitution and By Laws. They then recruited members from among the 400 or so retirees at that time.

The first BGSURA convocation was held on September 18, 1995 in Olscamp Hall with a catered luncheon. The speakers were then-president Dr. Sidney Ribeau along with Herbert Dyer, then president of State Teachers Retirement System. The luncheon menu featured chicken forester, rice pilaf, california blend vegetables, and coconut & fruit pies.

Although at the time of formation BGSURA was designated as being for retired faculty and administrative staff, classified staff were quickly added by vote of the board of directors in April 1996, the end of the first year.

More information about BGSURA history will be shared in future newsletters this year. □

Reservation form for the September 14 luncheon is on page 8.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, there is a form on page 8.

REPORTS

Update on Classified Staff Council (CSC) by Tina Martini (April-June) Linda Hammer (July) Observers for BGSURA

The speaker for the **April meeting** was Jon Sprague, appointed by the Ohio Attorney General in October 2014 as Director of the BCI complex at BGSU. He noted that services of the facility are free to 22 counties in NW OH. Mr. Sprague also explained that BCI is based on the teacher/scholar model and identified undergraduate specializations utilizing the resources of the center. A BS in Forensic Sciences will be offered starting in Fall 2016 within the College of Arts and Sciences and a Masters (4+1 year) is almost in place for this fall.



Tina Martini is retired from Registration & Records. She finished her term as CSC rep in June.

Since the Foundation has been experiencing computer difficulties, there was no update on the budget from the treasurer.

The ASC rep reported that there were four recipients for monies from Administrative Staff's scholarship's fund.

In New Business:

The CSC Scholarship Committee presented the names of this year's scholarship nominees. Discussion followed and voting for CSC approval of these individuals took place. Recipients will be presented

during the May Awards Ceremony.

The Salary Compensation Committee proposed items to be explained, discussed and voted upon by CSC.

There was some discussion about the May Awards program, menu, change in location from Olscamp to the BTSU and a speaker for the event.

CSC members were reminded about a second CSC meeting in Jerome Library on April 27. There will be presentations by CFO Sheri Stoll and the Design and Construction area regarding summer projects on campus.

The Awards Ceremony was held on **May 20** in the BTSU Lenhart Grand Ballroom. Scholarships were awarded to 3 employees (Deborah Carden (Firelands), Stacey Dickerson, Pam Oler) and to 7 dependents. Each will receive \$300 which will be applied to the individual's bursar account. The Plumbing Shop (serving all areas of campus) received the Team Award; \$1500 will be shared among 6 employees. Steve Lashaway, Campus Operations, received the Outstanding Service Award. He received \$1000 in cash and a one-year reserved parking space. Lunch followed the ceremony.

The **June meeting** began with a tour of the BCI facility followed by a regular meeting with the main focus on the election of new CSC officers and the introduction of new repre-

sentatives. The following will serve as officers for the 2015-16 academic year: Chair, Janet Garber; Chair elect, Linda Hamman; Treasurer, Faith Olson; Secretary, Terry Carver. Those leaving were thanked for their service to the council.

In committee reports, the retiree rep noted that she and the president of the BGSURA had met with Becca Ferguson regarding revisions to the BGSU Retirement Handbook. A new handbook is still "pending". The Clean Air Committee decided to pursue an all-tobacco-free environment, including "vapor" smoking. All smoking containers around campus will be eliminated. There was a consensus that enforcement of the new policy will be a problem.

Deborah Lowery, 2014-15 Chair, passed the gavel to Janet Garber. Lunch followed in the BCI Conference Room.

The **July 15 meeting** was opened with a welcome by Dr. Andy Kurtz, Interim Dean of Firelands Campus. He said enrollment has taken a slight dip (5%), discussed their Enrollment Management Plan and the renovations on campus, including the fundraising for a new building.

The report from new CSC Chair, Jan Garber, included, but is not limited to, the following:

- Her goals for CSC this coming year include visiting various campus buildings and connecting with constituents and retirees.
- The Bylaws Committee is charged with reviewing the handbook and reporting to CSC any changes.
- Brown bag lunches (learning lunches with speaker) to be held to gather ideas from the campus community and also at Firelands.
- At a recent HR Meeting with Viva McCarver (replaced Rebecca Ferguson), Sandy Heck, and Leslie Fern, the following were reported:
 - o Holiday closure for BGSU (between Christmas and New Year's) – Viva to ask President Mazey and may not know until this fall
 - o Viva's goals this year include forming a committee to study a Bonus Policy that is not attached to performance evaluations, and to be in place next year
 - o A decision to select the insurance company for next year is forthcoming
 - o There is a 2% raise coming to staff in September

The future of WBGU-TV was discussed. Open forums are taking place.

New Interim VP for Student Affairs is Dr. Sidney Childs who has replaced Jill Carr who has retired. Search committee is being formed to find a new Vice President.

The meeting adjourned for lunch, followed by a tour of Firelands Campus. Debbie Carden, Firelands CSC rep, was thanked for all of the arrangements made (meeting set-up, lunch and tour). □

Faculty Senate Report

by Ellen Williams, Representative for BGSURA



Highlights from the **April 7, 2015 meeting** (reported by Barbara Moses as substitute for Williams) included the following:

- A memorial resolution was read for Dr. Roger Ptak by Dr. John Laird, Chair of the Physics and Astronomy Department.
- President Mazey's report included the following: The Governor's \$72 billion State Budget is still under review. Mazey has met with the Governor and has visited with members of the House, hoping to increase the state share of instruction (SSI). BGSU will be hosting a national conference on water toxicity in the Great Lakes and beyond. The current status of freshmen enrollments is 2,933, up about 7% from two years ago. Graduate enrollment is up about 6.7% from two years ago. Transfer enrollments are up, but we need to recruit more adult re-entry students. A new position (Vice Provost for Strategic Enrollment Planning) has been established to handle enrollments. This person will report to the Provost and will be a member of the cabinet. Mazey applauded the library for being named 11th of the Most Amazing University Libraries in the Country. The BGSU Forensics and Debate team won a national title. President Mazey acknowledged Jill Carr on her retirement after 39 years of service to BGSU.
- Provost Rodney Rogers' report included the following: The university is placing greater emphasis on retention of students once they are enrolled. In the Fall of 2015, opening weekend will be extended by one day, with students arriving on Thursday. Faculty were reminded that final exams were to be administered in the 16th week of the semester. The week prior to exam week is not to be used for early completion of exams or submission of final projects so that classes would not meet during exam week.
- BGSU-FA Liaison, Sheri Wells-Jensen reported that the faculty contract expires July 1, 2017. Talks will begin during the fall semester, 2015.
- Academic Honesty Charter Changes were presented by Allen Rogel. The change is to house the policy in Student Affairs. As soon as the instructor has decided that a violation has occurred, the instructor must notify Student Affairs. A motion to accept the change was approved.
- Student Absence Policy Charter Changes were presented by Joel O'Dorisio. Although the Charter indicates certain circumstances where an excused absence is allowed, one additional sentence is being added to the charter... "However, faculty are encouraged to accommodate a limited number of absences, at the discretion of the faculty member, for required University related activities." A motion to accept the charter change was approved.
- Curriculum modifications were approved for: A new combined physical education and health education major, an international business minor, and an advertising minor.
- John Fischer, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, guest speaker, addressed Bowling Green Perspectives courses and the College Credit Plus program. The new BG Perspective courses will be operationalized in fall 2015 and will include no more than 175 courses. College Credit Plus is a program resulting from a new state law that requires Ohio's high schools to provide a pathway for 15-30 credits of college credit for their students. The College Credit Plus program replaces Post-Secondary Education Options (PSEO). Universities can select which high schools to work with. (Currently, BGSU has selected 19 area high schools.) High school teachers (mentored by collaborating university faculty) will teach courses that will be accepted for college credit. In fall 2015, BGSU expects approximately 1,800 seats in the selected high schools to be occupied by high school students taking BGSU course credit at their own high schools.

Highlights from the **April 28th meeting** included the following:

- A memorial resolution for James Gordon, retired faculty in journalism, (charter member of BGSURA and former editor of the BGSURA newsletter) was read by Kelly Taylor from journalism and public relations. A memorial resolution for Dr. Neil Pohlmann was read by Pohlman's son-in-law, Dr. Tim Murnen, Associate Professor in the School of Teaching and Learning.
- President Mazey's report included the following: Undergraduate enrollment is up by 9% from two years ago and by 16% from last year. Mazey recognized notable accomplishments at BGSU from 2014-2015, including the National Science Foundation conference being held at BGSU and the Carnegie Classification for BGSU recognizing the Service component for students at BGSU.
- Provost Rogers offered his report and recognized John Folkins upon his retirement and thanked him for his service as former Provost and former Chair of Faculty Senate. Enrollment growth from the out-of-state market has come from Illinois and Michigan. The Provost recognized Drs. George Bullerjahn and Mike McKay for their leadership at the National Science Foundation conference at BGSU. Congratulations were also given for the recent NWOH Symposium on Undergraduate Research that

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Update on Administrative Staff Council (ASC) by Judy Donald Observer for BGSURA

For the **April 3, 2015** meeting the guest speaker was Shea McGrew, Vice President, University Advancement. He discussed monies needed, the Family Campaign, the university's goals and priorities for the monies collected. Specifically, he mentioned that BGSU has a smaller endowment than other schools. Currently, we are in the 1st year of a six (6) year capital campaign. Making it a campaign forces the university to prioritize what the money will be used for and to have a specific message when soliciting for said monies. Four priorities of this campaign are scholarships and graduate fellowships, key facilities, named positions (Chairs and professorships) and naming colleges/schools. Naming colleges/schools would require large gifts of 5-25 million dollars.

Aaron Kane, Parking Services presented information on the recommended parking permit increases that will be presented to the Board of Trustees. It is an incremented change for Faculty/Staff of \$5.00 per year for a full year tag. The student rate is a \$15.00 increase in Fall 2015 and another \$15 increase in Fall 2020.

Margo Kammeyer, Information Technology Services, discussed the upcoming changes to HCM. She encouraged everyone to attend one of the upcoming training sessions.



Judy Donald is the BGSURA representative to ASC.

An Amorous Relationship Policy was presented and initial discussion began.

The remainder of the meeting was spent going through the committee reports, liaison reports and university committees for any updates.

For the **May 7, 2015** meeting the guest speaker was Jill Carr, Vice President for Student Affairs. She updated the group on the Greek Housing project, which is on track to open by Fall 2016. She spoke about the organizational structure within the **Administrative Staff Council report**, *continued from page 2*

Division and explained how they are funded. Student Affairs receives approximately 80% of its funding from Auxiliary Revenue, which is primarily generated through student room charges. Allocations from the General Fees and Educational and General budgets support student programs. Before Carr answered any questions, chair Emily Monago thanked Carr for attending and for her positive impact on BGSU and its students over the years, as Carr has been working at the university since 1976 and will be retiring at the end of June. Carr was one of the founding members of ASC and has been instrumental in ASC's existence over the years.

It was announced that Barbara Waddell, Chief Equity & Diversity Officer was the winner of the Ferrari Award at the spring reception.

Mary Beth Zachary, Chair of the Amendments committee, prepared and circulated a proposal to establish a new Historian position for ASC, which will ensure that past and future documents are preserved. This was the 1st reading of the document.

On May 28, there will be a budget presentation for ASC members by Sherri Stoll, CFO. Time and location will be emailed to members.

June 4, 2015 meeting

Since this is the last meeting of the year, there was not a guest speaker. All of the newly elected ASC representatives were invited to this meeting. They were introduced at the meeting as well as all in attendance. Certificates and appreciation for serving on ASC were given to all representatives who were ending their terms.

The Administrative Staff Compensation request for 2015-16 asking for a 3-4% salary increase or a salary increase consistent with that of the faculty and classified staff, should their increases exceed that amount, that was presented to Sherideen Stoll was given to ASC and discussed. However, at the Budget Presentation that Sherideen Stoll did on May 28th for ASC, she said that a 2% salary request was most likely going to be approved by the BOT. This all will be subject to the provisions of the budget approved by the state legislature at the end of June.

A second reading of the new Historian position for ASC was discussed, voted on and approved by ASC. This will be put in the Bylaws and will be discussed at Exec Board next week to determine how to implement this position.

ASC thanked Emily Monago, current chair, for her work this past year as she turned over the gavel to Jeremy Joseph, incoming chair for 2015-16 year. Emily mentioned she would have a year in review report that she would be emailing the council members soon.

Next meeting is September 3, 2015. □

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included students from BGSU, Findlay, Heidelberg, Ohio Northern and the University of Toledo.

- BGSU-FA was represented by David Jackson, standing in for Liaison Sheri Wells-Jensen. Jackson stated that BGSU is proud to be part of the 4,000 strong Ohio conference of the AAUP. He noted that the BGSU-FA negotiating team is set and will be announced in an upcoming email to faculty.

Jackson extended congratulations to retiring faculty members, noting that BGSU is losing a tremendous amount of experience and expertise, and encouraged the university to work to rebuild by replacing those who are retiring with full-time tenure and tenure track faculty.

- An Adjunct Committee Proposal was introduced, calling for the creation of an Adjunct Advisory Committee to advise Faculty Senate about the needs, issues and concerns of adjunct faculty at BGSU. The creation of the committee also would establish two Senator seats on Faculty Senate for adjunct faculty from the committee. The proposal was approved.

- Chris Kingston, Athletic Director was the guest speaker and provided information on athletic event attendance at BGSU, ESPN contracts and the academic profile for BGSU athletes. He noted that among the 425 student athletes at BGSU, over 65% have over a 3.0 g.p.a. Forty-one men and women have over a 4.0. Graduation rate for student athletes is 82%.

- Passing of the Gavel took place as Chair Joel O'Dorisio presented incoming Chair Allen Rogel with a glass gavel that was hand-blown by O'Dorisio. □

Mark Your Calendars for the Fall Candidates Forum

The Candidates Forum for which BGSURA is again a co-sponsor will be held on Sunday October 11, 2015 at First United Methodist Church, 1537 E Wooster in Bowling Green from 7-9 p.m. The hosts are League of Women Voters BG. Other co-sponsors include AAUW, BG Chamber of Commerce, and BGSU Undergraduate Student Government.

The November ballot will include candidates for Bowling Green mayor, City Council ward representatives and one at-large seat, and 3 seats on the BG Board of Education. Information on ballot issues will be available. All candidates are invited to attend but only contested candidates will be featured on the program. Doors open at 6:30 and light refreshments will be served. Come and bring your questions for the candidates.

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President's Message

When I was growing up I had this idea that when I was finished with school a year would really begin on January first and not in late August when school started. Well needless to say I was a bit disappointed when I finally was in the working world and everything was still revolving around school starting.

As the years have passed the only thing that has changed is the start of the before-school sales. Those get here faster than everything other than the before Christmas sales that begin the day after Labor Day.

Now at our age we all know that time seems to go faster the more birthdays we tally up. So for me things are starting to move so fast that the Christmas sale will start at the same time the school sales begin. Those will both begin in May and be combined with the newly minted Parents Day that replaces Mothers and Fathers Day. Hopefully we don't go to all-year school because then no one will know when to have the sale.

Chris Sexton

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Neil Pohlmann	Max "Colby" Ross	Norma Scherff	Jerry Streichler

PASSINGS

For the period March 28 - July 4, 2015. Photos are included, when they were available, on page 6.

■ **GARY ANDERSON, 68**, passed away on March 15, 2015, in Marina Del Ray, California. He was an instructor in the Management Department from 2002-2006, and was named "Faculty Fellow of the Year" in 2003.

■ **IVAN DENBESTEN, 82**, a professor emeritus of chemistry, died May 16th in Bowling Green, Ohio. He taught at BGSU from 1961-1998. Ivan recently was elected to serve on the 2015-2017 BGSURA Board.

■ **MARY EVANS, 89**, passed away July 4, 2015, in Pemberville, Ohio. She served BGSU in the student union.

■ **MICHAEL "MICK" FERRARI, 75**, Trustee Professor Emeritus of Administration, died May 15, 2015, in Arizona. A former provost and executive vice president, he worked at BGSU from 1971-1982, serving as interim president from 1981-1982.

■ **STEFANIA ENGELHARDT FRANK, 92**, an associate professor emeritus of German and Russian and Romance Languages, died July 7, 2015, in Bowling Green, Ohio. The former director of the Language Lab, she taught at BGSU from 1965-1985.

■ **BETTY JUNE GARNER, 90**, passed away April 2, 2015, in Bowling Green, Ohio. She retired from BGSU in 1988, after serving as inventory specialist at the University Bookstore.

■ **ROBERT GIBSON JR., 88**, died in April 2015 in Ft. Myers, Florida. Bob coached football at BGSU from 1955-1968. In 1965 he was named head football coach, replacing Doyt L. Perry. In his first season as head coach, BGSU won the Mid-American Conference Championship title.

■ **SYLVIA HUNTLEY, 79**, passed away on March 3, 2015, in Toledo, Ohio. She was an emeritus professor in the department of education curriculum and inquiry (EDCI), in the College of Education and Human Development.

■ **WAYNE JOHNSON, 77**, died May 1st, 2015 in Bowling Green, Ohio. An associate professor emeritus of accounting and management of information systems, he taught at the University from 1965-1990.

■ **NEIL POHLMANN, 85**, a professor emeritus of educational administration and supervision (EDAS), died April 12, 2015, in Bowling Green, Ohio. He taught at the University from 1962-1985, returning to teach until 1996.

■ **MAX "COLBY" ROSS, 76**, died May 11, 2015, in Bowling Green, Ohio. He served BGSU in the athletic department.

■ **NORMA P. SCHERFF, 92**, died on May 26, 2015, in Bowling Green, Ohio. She worked in food service at the BGSU student union for 23 years, retiring in 1984.

■ **JERRY STREICHLER, 85**, a professor emeritus of technology and Trustee Professor, died July 3, 2015, in Sand Diego, CA. The founding dean of the College of Technology, he served as chairman of the Department of Industrial Education and Technology from 1967-1978, director of the School of Technology from 1978-1985, and then dean of the new college from 1985-1991, returning to the classroom until 1993.

■ **RUTH CONSTANCE VARNEY, 91**, died July 13, 2015, in Bowling Green, Ohio. A speech therapist, she supervised students in the BGSU speech-pathology program in 1978-1979. She was the wife of Dr. Glenn Varney, professor emeritus of management, and the mother of Janice Varney-McKnight, academic operations.

■ **DEAN WEAVER, 88**, passed away on May 6, 2015, in Bowling Green, Ohio. He retired from BGSU's carpentry and plumbing departments after 20 years of service. □

Mark your calendars for the 2015-2016 program year

September 14, 2015:

Dr. Mary Ellen Mazey, BGSU president

November 9, 2015:

Alan Mortensen, personal injury lawyer

March 14, 2016:

Jon Sprague, Director of the BGSU Center for the Future of Forensic Science

April 11, 2016

Tom Henry, Toledo Blade, on Lake Erie water issues (this will be a joint meeting with the UT Retirees)

May 9, 2016:

Jerry Wicks, BGSURA member, speaking about trains

A reminder to renew your membership with BGSURA. July 1st was the beginning date for renewal for the 2015-16 membership year. If your email address with us is correct, you should have received an email reminder to renew in mid-June. Sometimes we miss those so here is another reminder. We will send a final reminder by mail in September after the first luncheon. Please don't wait until then to renew because since we mail those reminders they are more expensive to the organization to make happen (stationary, printing, postage). Thanks.

Stay in touch. Don't let your membership lapse.

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- Life member \$200.
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Reservation -- BGSURA Buffet Luncheon at Bowling Green Country Club Luncheon Monday September 14 2015. Cost \$15

Reservation deadline Wednesday September 9.

11:30-noon: Check-in, socializing. Noon: Buffet luncheon

Name(s) _____

Number of reservations @ \$15 _____

1. How to pay by mail:

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Send reservation form and check to:

Gaylyn Finn, BGSURA Treasurer
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Luncheon Menu

*Beef Burgundy
Chicken Marsala
Green Bean Casserole
Buttered Noodles
Tossed Salad
Rolls and Butter
DESSERT
Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea*