

Statement to the Board of Trustees
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Greetings to everyone assembled here today. On behalf of the BGSU faculty, I would first like to thank the Trustees, President, Provost, Deans and BGSU administrators and staff for their dedication and perseverance in supporting faculty and students through the Fall 2020 semester. I'd like to offer a special thank you to Faculty Senate Secretary Marlise Lonn, Administrative Secretary Kathleen Newman, members of the Senate Executive Committee, and all the faculty serving the Senate this semester. We are all looking forward to a well-deserved rest, however short it might be for us individually, around the holidays as we prepare for Spring 2021. I would like to offer a brief report on the activities of the Faculty Senate in Fall 2020.

A primary purpose of the Faculty Senate is to review and advise changes to academic programs. Among the proposals we have reviewed and passed include:

- a. Bachelor of Science degrees in *Health Care Administration*, and in *Nursing*;
- b. UG Minors in *Word and Image*, and *Writing*;
- c. Graduate Certificate in *Supply Chain Management*;
- d. Doctorate in *Physical Therapy*

In addition, in Fall 2020 the Faculty Senate discussed the University's *Diversity and Belonging Comprehensive Strategic Plan*; the Faculty Senate's *Statement of Academic Quality Principles* and the Ohio Faculty Council's *Reorganization and the Role of the Faculty*; began drafting changes to the Faculty Senate Bylaws in reference to online meetings; and formed an Ad-hoc Committee on Classroom Capacity and Enrollment. We have also heard from Mr. Ben Batey at all Faculty Senate meetings this semester about the University's Covid-19 mitigation plans and their implementation, and thank him for keeping us informed.

This work demonstrates the commitment of faculty and administration to the principles of shared governance at BGSU, and strong working relationships across campus. The faculty look forward to continuing this work in the Spring term as we look beyond Covid and begin discussions about potential changes to the structure of the university. We appreciate that the President and Provost have regularly addressed our meetings and our questions, and have scheduled meetings to discuss with faculty changes that may be coming to BGSU and higher education in the US. On behalf of the BGSU faculty, thank you to everyone who has helped us through this past semester.