

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

CHAIR REMARKS // Jenn Stucker, 2019 – 20 Faculty Senate Chair- Welcome everyone. We will have polls during meeting. Voting members will receive a ballot after the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Dr. Rodney Rogers, President-
- President Rogers first thanked to Senate and Senate leadership for their work this year, particularly with a spring semester no one could have imagined. President Rogers appreciates the work faculty members have done in moving teaching and learning to a new modality and appreciates the creativity and innovation this spring. He offered one example from Professor Marc Simon's work with this year's Model UN. He also commended the faculty in their research endeavors this spring.
- Regarding COVID-19 response and planning, President Rogers reported that Governor DeWine has extended the stay-at-home order through May 29. BGSU will conduct summer classes online, but is working on a reopening plan for fall 2020. It is BGSU's plan to be face-to-face in the fall and to have a COVID-resistant campus to minimize risk to students, staff, and faculty. To this end, there are two committees at work. We may not return to what we knew as "business as usual," but the goal is in-person work. BGSU is a residential, integrated, and immersive environment. Our students are diverse, but the foundation is and has been residential.
- Regarding the budget situation, President Rogers recalled the virtual town hall from May 2 and reiterated that BGSU and all of Ohio public higher education are in a period of budget reduction, with a significant shortfall to account for. Because BGSU can spread some of these reductions over two years, we can be strategic and thoughtful.
 - Our model is based on a reduced-risk, in-person environment. If BGSU ends up being fully online in fall, the budget assumptions will be re-worked. Governor DeWine has asked for a 10-13% reduction for the remainder of fiscal year 2020 and is just beginning to work with the legislature on fiscal year 2021. BGSU has modeled a 20% reduction in SSI and is monitoring enrollment constantly.
 - President Rogers then explained why we are not cutting more deeply. Five years ago, there were more student in public higher education than there are today; but BGSU is larger today – one of only three public higher education institutions in Ohio to grow over five years. BGSU is in a stronger position financially than others may be because it is a growing institution. To be solid on the other side of the pandemic, BGSU must be innovative. President Rogers listed many programs that have driven the university's growth in recent years. It is critical that BGSU invests in its future.

- Dr. Joe Whitehead, Provost and SVPAA-
 - Thank you to all faculty for your service during these challenging times. You came together and transitioned courses very quickly to remote delivery. We are near the end of the spring semester and let's finish strong. Thank you for persevering in challenging times. I want to acknowledge colleagues in Chemistry and Sociology who have secured funding for COVID 19 research. They will contribute to the solutions.
 - Please remember the family of Neil Englehart. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, his colleagues, and friends.
- Ashley Hendricks, GSS Vice President
 - Updates, we are transitioning officers. GSS is going forward. We just finished the Shanklin awards ceremony. We are asking faculty members to nominate students for research awards.
- Marcus Goolsby, USG President
 - We have had our elections and are transitioning to new officers for next year.

OLD BUSINESS (none)

NEW BUSINESS

1 // STATEMENT OF ACADEMIC QUALITY PRINCIPLES presented by Vice Chair Matt Lavery: Please see statement: <https://bgsu.instructure.com/courses/1192944/files/85611803/download?wrap=1>

- We have not made a statement for quite some time. This is presented as a first read. I would like to introduce the resolution on behalf of SEC, I present this resolution.

Motion to adopt resolution and represent as first draft and send to A&B: Matt Lavery, Second Virginia Dubasik. Discussion: Allen Rogel call to question. Adopting a policy, this is to adopt the resolution, but not the policy that comes later. Motion passes: 42 for, 2 against, 3 abstain.

2 // CURRICULUM // Votes taken through Qualitrics

- New Master Degree: MASTERS OF DESIGN in INTEGRATIVE DESIGN presented by Lori Young: Please see link: <https://bgsu.instructure.com/courses/1192944/files/85612108/download?wrap=1>

Motion to Approve Matt Lavery, Second Megan Rancier. Motion carries 51 for, 0 against, 0 abstain.

- New Master Degree: LOGISTICS and SYSTEMS ENGINEERING presented by MD Sarder- Please see link- <https://bgsu.instructure.com/courses/1192944/files/85611761/download?wrap=1>

Motion to Approve Allen Rogel, Second Joanna Weaver- Motion carries 51 for, 0 against, 0 abstain.

- New School: SCHOOL OF NURSING presented by HHS Dean Ciesla- Please see link: <https://bgsu.instructure.com/courses/1192944/files/85611767/download?wrap=1>

Discussion- There are very few BSN programs in the State of Ohio. Some hospitals are beginning to require a BSN.

Motion to Approve Matt Lavery, Second Stefan Fritsch- Motion carries 48 for, 1 against, 2

abstain.

- New School: SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL THERAPY presented by HHS Dean Ciesla- Please see link: <https://bgsu.instructure.com/courses/1192944/files/85611772/download?wrap=1>

Motion to Approve Matt Lavery, Second Allen Rogel- Motion carries 47 for, 2 against, 2 abstain.

3 // CURRICULUM // Informational // No vote taken

- Graduate Certificate: SUPPLEMENTAL CAREER TECHNICAL WORKFORCE EDUCATION
- Graduate Certificate: COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATOR
- Graduate Certificate: INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
- Graduate Certificate: CREATIVE WRITING
- New Graduate Policy: DUAL SPECIALIZATION
- New Graduate Policy: DUAL MASTERS and SECOND MASTERS

4 // PASSING THE GAVEL

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

- Committee on Academic Affairs (CAA)
- Committee on Professional Affairs (CPA)
- Adjunct Faculty Committee (AFC)
- Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee (FAAC)
- Committee on Committees (Com/Com)
- Committee on Amendments + Bylaws (A+B)

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

AD-HOC COMMITTEES, WORK GROUPS

- Student Evaluation of Teaching (SET)-Please see presentation https://falconbgsu-my.sharepoint.com/:p:/g/personal/robymgm_bgsu_edu/EenhOJVBFUNlrC0b860-YKkB8AAYToZdKla4SSm22zGlyA?e=6Jhsgl

Discussion- Was gender addressed? The full report is not quite there yet?

- Classroom Enrollment Capacity Determination-
Steve Koppitsch- The enrollment capacity survey went out to 1688 faculty we had a response of 22%. Faculty reported a lot of issues of how this affects their teaching and assessments.

BGSU FACULTY ASSOCIATION-

There are weekly meetings with the FA every Wed. at 10 am and 7pm.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS / SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A Resolution of the Bowling Green State University Faculty Senate

Title: Faculty and Staff Safety during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Presented on: May 5, 2020

By: Jenn Stucker

On behalf of: Sheri Wells-Jensen & Katherine Meizel, BGSU Disability Affinity and University Resource Group.

WHEREAS the United States is currently facing the COVID-19 pandemic which has to date (1)
killed approximately 70,000 people living in the US including over 1,000 Ohio residents;

AND WHEREAS the Bowling Green State faculty and staff include individuals who are (2)
particularly susceptible to complications from this highly contagious illness or who live in
close proximity to other highly susceptible people;

AND WHEREAS it is quite possible to work remotely and to engage usefully in university (3)
activities including teaching, office work, governance, committee work, and administrative
tasks at a distance;

AND WHEREAS it takes time to effectively transfer such activities to online or distance (4)
delivery;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that all faculty and staff at Bowling Green State University (5)
who are themselves at high risk for COVID-19 complications, or who are in frequent contact
with highly susceptible individuals, be given the option to work remotely until there is an
accessible and reliable vaccine;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there be a 'no detriment' policy in place such that (6)
faculty and staff who work remotely may choose to do so without fear of reprisal;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these options be implemented sooner, rather than (7)
later, to provide time to develop courses or implement effective work from home plans.

Motion to consider voting for resolution Allen Rogel, Second, Valeria

Grinberg-Pla. Motion considered.

**Discussion- One small change, change from Americans to those living in
the US if accepted by writers of the resolution.**

Motion passes unanimously with changes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Jenn Stucker, Second Megan Rancier

*NOTE: Senate meetings are open to the public. Supplemental materials supporting proposed action
item(s) are available to Senators in the Faculty Senate Canvas shell. Senators are expected to stay on
the call through adjournment.*

