

Tri-Chair Report for November 12, 2008

1. Renaming of President's Academy – does it have to go before the University Naming Committee? Ellen will call Doug Smith, chair of this committee, to see if this is necessary. If not necessary, the resolution could go before the Board of Trustees at their December meeting.
2. Provost will host an open forum on November 20th from 4-5 pm in the BTSU Theatre.
3. Non-tenure track faculty can have a voice and vote on Faculty Senate issues through one of the five ex-officio memberships. Four of slots are reserved for Undergraduate and Graduate Student Senates, Administrative Staff Council and Classified Staff Council. Discussion on voting rights on ASC and CSC for Faculty Senate was held. Each will look at their governance documents to determine if this is currently a part of that document.
4. Non tenure track faculty (NTTF) will meet on November 17 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in 308 BTSU. Representation on Faculty Senate will be the topic of the meeting.
5. January 22, 2009, a panel will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of collective bargaining. This is sponsored by Faculty Senate with AAUP being represented as well as various faculty members. Classified are invited but may only be observers.
6. HB 315 is requesting 2.5% increase in retirement benefits from faculty/teachers plus 2.5% from employers to STRS to meet the increasing costs of insurance.
7. Possibilities of job reductions: there is always that possibility as enrollments continue to decline.
8. Faculty Senate is working on solidifying sanction policies. These policies can include LWOP, fines, restitution, job loss, etc. when there are infractions which require some type of punishment.
9. Exigency Policy – If the university is found to be in short term financial difficulty, the State of Ohio can take over the university. Liquid assets, rainy day funds (reserves) and investments are considered part of the formula. The Faculty Senate Budget Committee and the University Budget Committee are meeting with Sheri Stoll to better understand the budget and to help formulate a proactive atmosphere
10. Professional Development funds – allowable expenditures from such funds. Sharon Swartz is working on a one-page document to address this issue.

11. Connie Ruehl-Smith is taking on some of the responsibilities of the frozen Operations position in the Provost's Office.
12. Public Records Summit
Individuals who may be asked to serve on the panel or create a white paper on public records retention particularly addressing office and financial records, retention schedules, and public information requests. Further planning will occur.
13. The Political Reform and Catastrophic Leave Policies update. Catastrophic Leave will go to the Board of Trustees in February. The Political Reform policy is still on the general council's desk. We get the status from HR on Monday.
14. Protocol for AlertBG. How to make it more effective:
 - a. Pay those who did not come to work until the all clear was given?
 - b. All clear
 - c. Alert on football field marquee
 - d. Use mobile sign
 - e. Building security – lock down is not automatic
 - f. More of a police presence
 - g. Campus update asked for comments – no one allowed on campus until after the all clear signal is given
 - h. More specific location data
 - i. Those without cell phones?
15. Policies of Commonly Shared Handbook
 - a. Which policies are in the specific handbooks?
 - b. Each constituent group who worked on this handbook should be contacted for input.
 - c. Bring updates to the next meeting.