

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

October 3, 2017

Assembly Room
McFall Center

CALL TO ORDER: 2:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Quorum present.

CHAIR REMARKS

Chair of Faculty Senate: David Border- Welcome to our Faculty Senate meeting! Please begin roll call.

COMMUNICATIONS

President: Dr. Mary Ellen Mazey:

In her report, President Mazey indicated that higher education in Ohio plays a very critical role in the state's future. The state is fortunate to have 13 public universities and 24 community colleges as well as a large number of private institutions. The state has moved from a traditional manufacturing economy to one that is dependent upon the knowledge-based economy and an advanced manufacturing sector. Colleges and universities play a significant role in the development of the future workforce, and this is important for the future.

The President said that BGSU must continue to be involved with endeavors such as the partnership with Promedica, Mercy Health Systems, UT, and high-tech companies. This initiative is known as NextTech and is funded through the Third Frontier initiative. Vice President Ogawa is BGSU's liaison to this effort. Companies want to locate next to a university because of the accessibility to the future workforce and for research and development purposes.

She noted that as the University prepares to close the golf course this fall, she and others are actively seeking high tech company(ies) that may want to locate on the property and the adjacent property which the University owns. These potential companies would be chosen based upon their ability to enhance our education and research missions.

President Mazey indicated that the Governor and the Ohio Department of Higher Education have set a goal of 65 percent degree attainment for the state because by 2025 nearly two thirds of Ohio jobs will require a post secondary education. At the current rate, the state will only be at a 43 percent by 2025. She said that there is much work to be done to increase degree or certificate attainment by more than 20 percent in just over seven years.

The President noted that a typical college graduate earns one million dollars more over a life time than a high school graduate, and that the unemployment rate is considerably

lower for a college graduate. She said that college graduates live seven years longer. Over the last five years, the national average of tuition and fees increase has been 12 percent. In Ohio, it has been two percent.

The President also indicated that the University must continue to increase its efficiency and effectiveness. BGSU's report to the State Affordability and Efficiency task force states that the University has nearly \$6 million in efficiencies.

BGSU's goal is to continue to educate the 18-year olds who enter the University. The President noted that BGSU must also increase its offerings to those 25 years of age and older. The Ohio Guarantee Transfer Pathways insures that institutions will have good pathways to a college degree for those who enter at community colleges. Data indicates that is the case for minorities. They start at community colleges, and the President wants to offer them an opportunity to complete a college degree at BGSU. By December of 2018, BGSU should have a number of direct pathways from the community colleges to the University.

The President provided an overview of admissions and enrollment. Applications and admits for freshmen for Fall 2018 are ahead of Fall 2017. October 1 was the first day for housing deposits. The University received more than 500 deposits in one day. In 2016, there were more than 400 deposits made on the first day, and in 2015, there were just 300 made on the first day. The University's four-year graduation rate is increasing. There is a Fall Preview Day on October 21. The President encouraged faculty to participate and talk with prospective students and their parents.

The President also reported that the legislation in House Bill 49 states that each institution of higher education annually shall report to the efficiency advisory committee on its efforts to reduce textbook costs to students and that each state institution of higher education shall conduct a study to determine the current cost of textbooks for students enrolled in that institution and submit this annually to the Chancellor. Also, the board of trustees of each state institution of higher education shall adopt a textbook selection policy for faculty to follow in selecting and assigning textbooks and other instructional materials for use in courses offered by the institution. The policy shall include faculty responsibilities and actions faculty may take in selecting and assigning textbooks and other instructional materials. Provost Rogers and others are currently working with the deans and the Senate committee on textbooks to respond to this new state mandate.

The President noted that during Homecoming Weekend of October 12-15, the University will induct new members to the Academy of Distinguished Alumni, host the first Board of Trustees meeting of the academic year, and celebrate a kickoff to the comprehensive campaign. She invited members of Faculty Senate to attend the Homecoming parade and Taste of BG on October 13, and to the game on Saturday, October 14.

Questions:

Q: Craig Zirbel- What are we doing to decrease our climate footprint?

A: Pres. Mazey- We are one of the only Universities with a green fee. Our new buildings are more efficient. As Bruce Meyers or Nick Hennessey to speak for more information.

Provost/VPAA: Dr. Rodney Rogers:

- * Registration for undergraduates is showing positive signs.
- * Retention rate for last fall's freshman class was 77%; approximately 1.5 points higher than a year ago. Our goal is 80%. The current freshmen class ACT is above 23; 80% retention is very doable.
- * We are tracking four-year and five-year graduation rates; our four-year graduation rate is up seven points due to quality teaching and advising.
- * The new academic calendar will begin fall 2018. Fall semester will have a 15-week regular fall session and spring semester will have a three-week winter session and 15-week regular spring session. This is similar to what other institutions are doing.
- * Textbook adoptions for the spring 2018 semester should be posted by the first day of spring registration, October 16. Given the University's transition to Hero, the due date for spring 2018 is October 31. Listing adoptions in Hero allows students to check on prices before they register for classes and plan accordingly.
- * Want to thank faculty and administrators who participated in the workshop for open source materials yesterday. As well as those who participated in the inclusive learning workshops in order that we may create an inclusive learning environment.

Questions:

Q: Chris Rump- Are we going to extend class times for new calendar?

A: Provost Rogers- Our times were much higher than what State requires. We will extend final exam times and we will have no fall break.

OLD BUSINESS

- Solicitation for Faculty service on Standing and University Committees- There are several openings:

Below are the faculty/senator vacancies.

CAA

1- Faculty A&S
1 – Firelands (senator if possible)

A&B

1-Senator

Enrollment Advisory

1 – Faculty Firelands
1 – Faculty Technology

Professional Affairs

1-Senator

Student Media

1- Faculty Journalism

BG Perspective

1 - Faculty Technology
1- A & S (math/sciences)
1- A & S (humanities)

Faculty Development

1 – Faculty Firelands

Student Affairs

(as of 1/2018 or can fill now) 1 – Faculty

Faculty Research

1 A&S (humanities)

Adjunct

(Business, Technology & Firelands – these are elected at the college level)

NEW BUSINESS

- Presentation/Updates(vote taken)
 - Dr. Ellen Gorsevski, Chair of Textbook Affordability: Please see link to Powerpoint presentation: [Gorsevski - Textbk Affordblty Cmte Report Recap 100217.pdf](#)

Questions:

Q: Ann Gordon- Do students here at BGSU receive the benefits from textbooks?

A: Ellen Gorsevski- I am sure this happens and it is problematic. Some students may not utilize textbooks.

Q: No name given- What kinds of copy rights are there?

A: Ellen Gorsevski- Two chapters max.

Q: Peter Blass- A lot of courses structure so students use one textbook for two semesters.

A: Ellen Gorsevski- Departments should start tracking this. Parents may be receiving misinformation.

Q: Stephanie Walls- Thank you for taking on this job! Is there any since that faculty change their minds and make students adopt the new edition after the students have already bought a different edition?

A: Ellen Gorsevski- Accountability will be more on the faculty radar.

Motion: SEC voted to receive the Textbook Affordability ad-hoc Report. Jim Evans (Second). Report received 60 for 2 against 0 abstain.

SEC requests that President Mazey and Provost Rogers incorporate the Textbook Affordability ad-hoc report recommendations when formulating actions related to textbook affordability.

Motion: SEC, Jane Wheeler (Second).

Motion received: 57 for, 3 against, 2 abstain.

- New School Proposal: School of the Built Environment, College of Technology, Architecture & Applied Engineering.-Please see link for information: [9.12.17 - update Proposal to Faculty Governance for creation of School of the Built Enviroment Sept 2017 \(002\) \(1\).pdf](#)

Questions:

Q: Carol Heckman- Why are new funds required when eliminating a Director and two Chairs?

A: Provost Rogers- Student growth and additional investments can easily be justified.

Call to Questions: Allen Rogel, Second Peter Blass.

Motion carried 59 for, 3 against, 0 abstain.

- Presentation/Updates (no vote taken)
 - Presidential Nomination for Honorary Degree to Board of Trustees Charles Raymond “Ray” Marvin- See link [Marvin Honorary Doctorate Nomination \(002\).pdf](#)
- Business- Informational only
 - Graduate Certificates- Approved by Sec on 9/26/2017
 - Biological Sciences for Educators and Other Professionals

- Political Science for Professionals and Educators
- Spanish for Professionals and Educators
- Mathematics for Professionals and Educators

Faculty Association Report- Christina Guenther-

1. The BGSU Faculty Association needs to fill the position of FA Secretary. Please contact FA President David Jackson at david.jackson@bgsu-fa.org if you are interested in the position or want to find out more about what the position entails.
2. The FA continues to build up its membership. If you or your colleagues would like to join or are unsure of your status, please contact Vera Lux, our FA Membership Officer, at vera.lux@bgsu-fa.org
3. Each academic unit is invited to elect an FA representative. The Department Representatives Council meets once a month. The FA representative from your unit should contact Charlie Stelle, Chief Representative of the council, at cdstelle@gmail.com to make sure that your unit is represented.
4. The NTTF representative is Joel O’Dorisio and he leads the committee that works to bring NTTF issues to the negotiations. As we approach Round 3 and get ready to negotiate the third contract, please contact Joel with any NTTF related issues that you would like him to include. Incidentally, the second contract expires on June 30, 2019, so negotiations will begin in Fall 2018.
5. For your information, stand-alone legislation that will cut sick days from 15 to 10 (HB 298) and that does not allow a state entity with a Collective Bargaining Agreement to enter into negotiations regarding this issue has been proposed. You can inform yourself about this issue on the Ohio Conference of the American Association of University Professors website (OCAUP.org) and/ or contact your state legislator there.

REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

Committee on Academic Affairs (CAA): N/A

Committee on Professional Affairs (CPA): N/A

Adjunct Faculty Committee (AFC): N/A

Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee (FAAC): N/A

Committee on Committees (COM/COM):

Amendments and Bylaws (A&B): Allen Rogel- Meeting regularly with Pat Pauken representing the BOT and Administration

Transportation ad hoc Committee- Met unofficially, there is no official charge yet.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

Jim Evans- In light of some events that have recently occurred. In Mexico there was training, so they knew what to do. In Charlottesville the University of Virginia lost control of the events. I am confident our Administration has plans but would they fail? In unfortunate events students will turn to faculty. Have faculty been trained for a gunman or a tornado? We all need to plan and train for these events. It is a dangerous world and I am concerned that we are not preparing for it.

- Plus/Minus Grading System- Dale Klopfer- Associate Dean of A&S, Mark Seals- Director School of Teaching and Learning: Please see link- [Grading Scale PPT for Faculty Senate.pdf](#)

Questions:

Q: Ann Gordon- Is this for both Grad and Undergrad?

A: Dale Klopfer- Yes

Q: Allen Rogel- Do we have an option for plus or minus, or is it mandated?

A: Dale Klopfer- It is optional.

Q: Craig Zirbel- Will there be uniformity?

A: Dale Klopfer- We will be studying this.

Q: Doug Ewing- What about C or C- to graduate?

A: Mark Seals- We can pick any of these implementations we desire.

Q: Peter Blass- I see a lot of upsides to offer this. I would like to acknowledge outstanding performances from students by being able to give them an A+ in recognition of their excellence.

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ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted: Robyn Miller, Secretary

