

## SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

**January 12, 2016**

**2:30-4:30 pm**

**Room**

**110 Olscamp Conference**

**Present:** Allen Rogel (FS Chair), Rachelle Hipper (FS Vice-Chair), Robyn Miller (FS Secretary), Peter Blass (A&S), David Border (TAAE), Timothy Brackenbury (HHS), Mariana Mitova (EDHD), Stephanie Walls (Firelands), Arne Spohr (CMA). Chris Rump (BUS), David Border (CAA), Christina Gunther (BGSU-FA), Victor Senn (USG), Maryam Kamran (GSS).

### **INVITEE:**

**PRESIDER:** Chair Allen Rogel – Introduced Chris Rump, SEC representative from the College of Business and Christina Gunther, SEC representative from BGSU-FA.

### **APPROVE MINUTES:**

*MOTION: (Rachelle Hippler) Move to approve minutes from December 8, 2015. (Second: Mariana Mitova). Minutes approved unanimously.*

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Semester long substitute: Rebecca Mancuso: Rebecca Mancuso has a course conflict and needs a semester long sub for faculty senate. Nicole Jackson has agreed to sub for the semester.

*MOTION: (Rachelle Hippler) approval of Nicole Jackson as semester long sub for Rebecca Mancuso. (Second: Victor Senn). Motion carried.*

Football Concussions: With the movie that just came out about concussions in football, there were several discussions on the faculty Listserv concerning football concussions. There were some calls for faculty senate to get involved in the process.

*Discussion:* It was discussed that there are two committees that are involved in the concussion process the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee and the Presidential Athletics Advisory Council. Since there are already two committees involved there does not seem to be a need for faculty senate to become involved at this time, nor is there need for a new committee. Lee Meserve also sent out an email discussing concussion protocol.

*Conclusion:* It was concluded that Allen Rogel would mention this discussion on the floor of Senate. Allen Rogel will also publicize that there is a faculty Listserv and give instructions on how to get on the faculty Listserve. Allen Rogel will also send out information concerning the two committees where concussion protocol should be addressed.

CAA- David Border:

1. PPEL new major-This is a new major, the minor was approved; now the major has come through with the minor still in tact. No new resources are requested for the start. There may be a need for a new faculty member in the future. Support has been solicited from Neil Englehart- Chair of Political Science, Peter Vanderhart-Chair of Economics. This is

a unique program in the state of Ohio but has been used successfully elsewhere. CAA recommended forwarding to SEC with unanimous support.

*Discussion:* This could be used in Pre-Law. Does not appear to be a threat to existing programs because of the approval from the above department chairs. There are currently 13 students in the minor and the department expects that number to increase to 30. It is a Bachelor of Arts.

*Motion:* (Rachelle Hippler) to approve new PPEL major. The new program degree will go to the floor of faculty senate for a full vote, then on to the Board of Trustees. (Second; Tim Brackenbury). Motion passed.

2. ILA revised major- Making changes to the ILA program. These changes consist of removing the lower division English classes from the Writing Group, and leaving the upper division class ENG 4830. Also replacing an elective with ENG 3010 Shakespeare in the English Minor, moving ENG 3010 from Group 1. There were three letters of support from: Lawrence Coates-Chair Department of English, Steve Boone-Chair Department of Theatre & Film, and Alberto Gonzalez-Chair of Communications.

*Discussion:* According to the Charter, SEC makes the final determination on whether changes to a major need to be voted on at senate, or just brought for informational purposes (providing approval of SEC). CAA approved these changes unanimously. There were not objections because of the work with the English department and the letters of support, the Curriculum Development Committee also worked on the changes. Therefore, CAA was satisfied with the changes.

*Motion* (Rachelle Hippler). SEC vote is enough, it does not need to go to Senate floor for a vote, will be informational. (Second: Stephanie Walls). Motion carried.

*Motion:* (Rachelle Hippler). To approve modifications (Second: Peter Blass). Motion carried.

Academic Honesty item from SEC: The proposal from SEC was that after a determined amount of time one strike of academic dishonesty would be taken off of the student's record. The ad hoc committee on academic dishonesty also felt that this policy of removing one strike would encourage former students to return to BGSU for their graduate degrees. CAA was deadlocked on the proposal from SEC due to various points of view.

*Discussion:* Some CAA members felt that students will be rehabilitated because of life experiences and if they would return to BGSU they would possibly not participate in academic dishonesty. However, other points of view among CAA members were that an academic dishonesty strike should remain on the students record without expiration. There was a consensus to look at ways that will encourage faculty to report academic dishonesty. Some faculty members do not report academic dishonesty if a student has a prior strike. Students can use the appeals process. Having a prior strike may deter students from coming to BGSU for graduate degrees.

*Conclusion:* Table SEC item until further discussion.

Academic Honesty new proposal: The new proposal submitted by CAA would be as follows: 1. Onset of process notification of violation 2. Offense is classified misdemeanor or felony 3. Classification appealed 4. Classification sticks. Student punishment will be by a faculty member recommendation of offense category which would go to a committee. After this, the student can appeal the classification.

*Discussion:* It can be confusing if a misdemeanor becomes a felony or the classification in general, could go to a committee and they would classify the offense, then the student could appeal, after appeal classification sticks. First offense handled by faculty member, second offense will go to the Dean no matter the situation at this point. Some potential problems

depending on the faculty member, different students could be treated differently. The terms of the offense could be confusing, and adding an additional committee could also cause some conflict issues. It could also be different from one campus to another. The charter states that the second offense, the Dean has to suspend the student, and third offense automatic expulsion. There are less second offenses reported and even less thirds. Therefore, the charter could be changed to give the deans more discretion on punishment for the second offense.

*Conclusion:* Send a new proposal back to CAA. The new proposal would consist of changing the Charter language to allow the dean discretion in enacting punishment for the second offense, depending on what he or she deems the severity of the offense to be. The sanctions for the third offense will stay intact. There will be no classifications of the offenses. If a student comes back to the university, it should be determined up front whether or not an offense will be deleted from his or her record.

*Motion: (Peter Blass) Send above stated recommendation from SEC to CAA, and table the first proposal indefinitely (Second; (Chris Rump). Motion carried.*

#### **ISSUES AND CONCERNS:**

- Senate survey—update-looking for speakers to come to senate and discuss
- Lawroom and alternatives- Allen will look into alternatives.
- Individual Dropbox is legal, contact ITS.
- BOT review of the President- Allen will ask Pat Pauken about rights of faculty
- Ohio Faculty council Ann Darke – Will ask Ann to come to SEC and brief us.
- More discussion of how trustees are chosen.
- Discussion on student trustees- USG and GSS recommend candidates and the Governor chooses. Students have to be Ohio residents.
- Provost states class most academically qualified, what is that based on- Will ask Provost for more detail.

#### **Faculty Senate Meeting [ January 19, 2016]**

- Andy Kurtz- Firelands 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Monica Moll- Will talk about what to do if there is a live shooter on campus and will also discuss HB 48.
- PPEL new major vote
- ILA information

#### **February Faculty Senate Meeting**

- Steve Krakoff
- Future speakers?
  1. Kim Brooks- Presentation on linked courses
  2. Representative from CFE
  3. Math Emporium- Provost update
  4. Sherri Stoll- New version of changes to budgeting model in April.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn (Rachelle Hippler) Second (Mariana Mitova).

Meeting adjourned 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Robyn Miller, secretary: January 18, 2016.