

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

November 7, 2006
2:30 p.m.

Assembly Hall
McFall Center

Absent: Blair, Callen, Cesarini, Colprit, Dzur (sub Archer), Gajjala, Kassa, Lee (sub Brown), Okerlund, Redmond, Saenz, Weinsier, Zickar

CALL TO ORDER

Faculty Senate Chair Hebein called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chair of the Faculty Senate - Hebein

Following the role call by the Secretary, Chair Hebein indicated that there was a quorum present for Senate.

Provost and VPAA – Folkins

There are several topics I would like to address in Senate today. The first has to do with the challenge we face concerning student enrollment. There will be fewer students coming through the K-12 School pipelines into higher education. Also, there will be heavier competition from other colleges and universities for the enrollment of these students. I encourage all faculty to become involved with their units, their colleges, and the university in recruitment activities. I also am looking to Faculty Senate to play a leading role in recruitment efforts. Faculty also need to play a key role in retention efforts as well. There is a task force looking at retention issues to identify what BGSU could do to increase student retention rates. We will be having a report at an upcoming Senate meeting on student enrollments, recruitment and retention.

The second topic I would like to address is faculty concern over intrusions into the classroom. The Committee on Academic Affairs is looking into the policies we have regarding intrusions into the classroom. We want to protect students' rights and also the student learning environments.

The third topic I have is an announcement that we now have a director of our Entrepreneurship Center, Milt Baker.

Executive Vice President – Dobb

The Board of Trustees will be meeting on December 1st. Also, the faculty tenure and promotion decisions will be made at the March 23rd Board of Trustees meeting.

Graduate Student Representative – Vatan Woodhouse

The Graduate Student Issues Committee and the Graduate Council on Academic Policies and Affairs, Graduate Dean Buhlman, and faculty and students from the Creative Writing Program met at the end of October to discuss the concerns of the students in the Creative Writing Program related to the electronic thesis and dissertation submission process. Based on the positive

discussions held, we are confident that we will be able to resolve these issues to the satisfaction of the students and faculty in the near future.

The Graduate Student Senate is moving forward with a number of our program initiatives. We are actively looking for topics and presenters for our Graduate Student Development Day, Saturday, January 27th. The intent of this annual event is to assist graduate students with preparation for their research, their thesis and dissertation writing, teaching in the classroom and other efforts that will enhance their experiences as graduate students here at BG. Topics currently being considered include "Plagiarism Awareness and Responsibility" and "Pointers for Conducting Research for the First Time." We would welcome any additional topics as well as the names of possible presenters. We are looking for graduate students who are interested in presenting their research at our Spring 2007 Food for Thought Series in February. Also, all of our graduate student committee positions have been filled with students who are eager to participate in university governance and decision making activities. If any of our graduate students are not attending committee meetings, please let me know.

Undergraduate Student Government Representative – Kristin Kulbis

USG would like to encourage everyone to vote in today's election. Next week, USG will be hosting student delegations from Miami University prior to the football game. We are encouraging all students to attend to boost our football attendance records. We are reminding our students to adhere to the BGSU Student Code of Conduct whether they are on campus or off campus. On November 20th, in 308 Union, we will have an open forum on the Dining Services Roll Over Dollars. On November 29th, in 202 Union, we will have a President's Round Table on the bursar able issues. Our Student Welfare Committee is also looking into downtown shuttle buses. We will meet with some students from the University of Toledo to discuss how their shuttles transport students to downtown areas. Next semester, we are going to start a Pride in BG Campaign to improve "Falcon Spirit" on campus.

Retiree Representative – Cormier

"I think I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree." I am citing this Joyce Kilmer poem because the next speaker at the Retiree's Luncheon on November 15th is David Bieniman, who is the city's arborist. He will provide an update on the future of trees in Bowling Green. The luncheon is at 11:30 at the Methodist Church on East Wooster and you are invited to attend.

Ohio Faculty Council Representative – Bernhard

The Ohio Faculty Council is made up of representatives from the 14 four year, public state assisted universities in the state of Ohio. We have met a couple of times since our last Senate meeting. The major topics facing the group include: the search for the next OBOR Chancellor (There is hope that a new Chancellor might be named by the end of November.); the proposal to develop a formal collaborative consortium of universities in Northeast Ohio where some programs might be combined at the undergraduate and graduate levels in several of the universities including Cleveland State; the proposed declaration of material assistance form, in which new employees/faculty might be asked to sign (under the Patriot Act) indicating if they have had contact with or have given support to any agency related to terrorists' groups (There is a concern over Academic Freedom in the quest for information for Homeland Security.); and the collaborative efforts of faculty to work with university officials conducting governmental affairs activities. (The Council views BGSU as an exemplary model where Faculty Senate works closely with Larry Weiss, our Associate Vice President for University Relations and Governmental Affairs.)

Hebein: In reference to the declaration of material assistance form, the Senate Office has received a resolution on this matter and it has been forwarded to the Committee on Professional Affairs for their handling and response.

REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

Committee on Academic Affairs (CAA) – Border (Williams)

CAA is continuing to review the NTTF issues. They are also reviewing affirmative action policies and possible overuse of appointments by invitation.

Amendments and Bylaws Committee (ABC) – Pauken

There is no report today. If there are any Senators interested in becoming a committee member, please sign up.

Committee on Committees (Com-Com) - Yacobucci

This is a reminder that all standing committees are required to meet regularly and also required to submit the name of the committee chair to the Faculty Senate Office. As of last week, we still have no chair on record for the following committees: Admissions Advisory; Book Store Advisory; Broadcasting Advisory; Continuing and Extended Education Advisory; Faculty Research; Ice Arena Advisory; Instructional Media Advisory; and Student Affairs Advisory Committee. Please notify me or Barb Garay in the Senate Office of the names of chairs of these committees.

Faculty Senate Budget Committee (FSBC) – Evans

FSBC reviewed the proposed reconfiguration of the Department of Geography, the Department of Geology, and the Center for Environmental Programs to form a new School of Earth, Environment, and Society. After reviewing the financial or fiscal impact of the reconfiguration, FSBC voted unanimously to approve the proposal.

FSBC has met with Vice Provost, Mark Gromko, to discuss the budgetary implications of Academic Program Review. The question arose as to whether Academic Program Reviews should be conducted using a budget-neutral evaluation. Other financial issues were discussed regarding the Review. There was also a recommendation to find a better dissemination process of Program Review findings.

FSBC has also met with Bob Waddle, the Assistant Vice President for Capital Planning and Bryan Benner, Associate Vice President for Administration, to discuss/evaluate energy cost saving measures for the university.

Faculty Personnel and Conciliation Committee (FPCC) – Muego

FPCC held two hearings last week and will hold another late today. There is one more case that is still unresolved that was carried over from last year. We are waiting for resolution of a collateral issue that has been raised by the grievant in this case. Once this hearing is held, it will take care of all cases held over from last year. We have one new grievance which is in the conciliation stage.

Faculty Welfare Committee (FWC) – Weinsier (Williams)

FWC met on October 31st to discuss the proposal on Non Tenure Track Faculty. One question raised was whether the proposal promoted NTTF hires over TTF hires. A second question was whether units should be held to the rule of hiring no more than 25 % NTTF as addressed by the Charter. The committee has not yet reached a consensus on these issues but will continue discussions at subsequent meetings.

Committee on Professional Affairs (CPA) Zickar (Williams)

The Committee on Professional Affairs interviewed the two candidates for state representative on their views on higher education. For the Spring, CPA will go down to Columbus during the budget process. CPA is discussing holding a session on the future of the public university.

OLD BUSINESS

None

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Hebein: Under New Business, we have several guests today. Our first guest is Marcia Latta, Associate Vice President for Development/Foundation.

Report on Development/ Foundation/ Building Dreams Centennial Campaign

Latta: I appreciate the opportunity to update Faculty Senate on the Building Dreams Centennial Campaign. The goal of the campaign is \$120 million. To date, we have received \$103.4 million. Priority Projects include: Scholarships; Faculty and Staff Endowed Leadership Positions; Entrepreneurial Programs; BG eXperience-Values Initiative; WBGU-TV Digital Conversion; Center for Photochemical Sciences, Sebo Athletic Center; Wolfe Center for the Arts; and Sustaining the University.

Highlights to date include:

- 6 new endowed professorships
- 362 new scholarship funds (\$35,363,053)
- Sebo Athletic Center nearly finished (\$6.8 million of a \$7 million goal)
- More than \$9.2 million given so far by faculty/staff/retirees

Ways that faculty can help include:

- Forward success stories to Development Office
- When speaking to external groups, mention the campaign
- Notify the Development Office about accomplished alumni
- Include campaign information in your department newsletters
- Include retired faculty/staff in your holiday gatherings
- Give!

Update on Master Plan/Capital Improvements

Hebein: Our next guests are Bob Waddle, Assistant Vice President for Capital Planning and Jim McArthur, University Architect & Director of Design and Construction.

Waddle: The number one building priority is the Wolfe Center. The scope of the Wolfe Center concentrates on three main performance spaces. That would include a large main theater, a second theater called an actor's theater, and a third space called a black box theater. The building would also house theater offices and shared spaces for the College of Music and the School of Fine Arts. The location of the Wolfe Center will be the present location of the SaddleMire Student Services Building. Plans are to move Dr. Whipple's Student Affairs offices to Conklin Main.

The next priority project will be the Health Center Addition. We are looking to build a completely new operating facility for the Health Services Center. We are also looking to include the Counseling Center and Disability Services in that particular area. Then we will renovate the existing Health Center for the folks in Medical Technology. This will help in consolidating the programs in the College of Health and Human Services.

The next project we are looking at is the SaddleMire replacement building. This building would house all of Student Affairs, except for the Counseling Center.

We are also looking to build a parking garage behind the Health Center Addition.

Most of you are aware of the Sebo Athletic Center which is currently under construction. We hope to finish that building project in April.

The next project is the McDonald Dining Hall. That dining hall has not been modified since it was built in the early 60's.

With all of these building projects, it's also necessary to design and construct a utility system that can accommodate the new buildings. Our current utility system is not equipped to hand the utility needs of all of these new construction projects.

At BGSU, the cost of renovation to just the academic buildings would range from a low of \$124,347,980 to a high of \$163,508,154. Estimated costs for renovations to university academic buildings throughout the state of Ohio range from \$3 billion to \$4 billion.

Samel: We are in dire need of renovations in some of our buildings on the BG campus. Hannah Hall, University Hall, Moseley Hall and South Hall are all eyesores and in need of major repair.

Cormier: South Hall was to have been demolished several years ago.

Folkins: Those buildings need to be taken down to the shells and new buildings built inside of them. The exteriors may represent the historical nature of the university, but the interiors need to meet the functional needs of today's faculty and students.

Waddle: We recognize the need for repair and renovations in those buildings.

Craddock: How will the issue of environmental sustainability be addressed in the new buildings?

McArthur: Every project we deal with now has environmental sustainability capability.

Cormier: Are you looking at alternative energy/ utility sources? **McArthur:** The utility master plan gives us the opportunity to explore what the best capacity is for providing these resources.

Waddle: The question was asked about whether or not we would gain parking spaces as a result of the parking garages. We originally proposed three different parking garages to accommodate the needs of the commuting faculty/staff/students. At the same time, we wanted to maintain the pedestrian feel of the core of the campus. The Master Plan is intended to accommodate parking needs for everyone. **Boughton:** Who should we call when the roof starts leaking in our classrooms?

Waddle: Bryan Benner. **Hebein:** Thank you Bob and Jim. I was reminded at one point in our discussions of a comment made by our former President, Paul Olscamp, who said that faculty didn't have a parking problem, they had a walking problem.

Honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree

Hebein: We have one final piece of New Business and that is on a vote for an Honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree for Marvin J. Sherwin. All members of the Senate may vote. We have ballots prepared for you to use in your voting. The motion to award the Honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree to Marvin J. Sherwin passed. On matters such as this, we do not record the number of votes, just whether the issue passed or not.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

None raised by Faculty Senators

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Williams
Faculty Senate Secretary
28 November 2006