

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 8, 2008
2:30 pm.

Senate Conference Room
140 McFall Center

Present: Alden Craddock, Keith Bernhard, Nora Engebretsen, Johnnie Lewis, Ben Muego, Nancy Orel, Patrick Pauken, Peter Pinto, Jeannie Sabaroff, Ellen Williams, Rich Hebein

Absent: Gary Lee

CHAIR'S REPORT

Senate Chair Pauken called the meeting to order. He encouraged Senate committees to get their actions to SEC promptly. Items requiring action by the Board of Trustees at their last meeting of the year on May 2 must be acted on by Senate at their meeting on April 1 at the latest. Items to be placed on that Senate agenda must be received by SEC by March 25. Items sometimes require more than one meeting for full debate.

OLD BUSINESS

Sanctions Policy

SEC will proceed to form a committee to review the existing versions; they discussed Pauken's charge and membership of the committee, which will be sent out soon.

University Work Group Update

The UWG is revising the final draft of its report. Williams said that the report does not make specific recommendations. Although they thought that they would be reviewing the compacts as was listed in the original charge to the committee, they did not. In fact, UWG provided the historical context for planning discussions, which will continue in the Strategic Planning Committee to be appointed by the President. In addition, a committee will be appointed to deal with graduate programs, which were not part of the discussions in the UWG. The deadline for the draft of the University's Master Plan, which had been in December, has been postponed to the fall.

Pauken asked Bernhard, BG's representative to the state wide Ohio Faculty Council, what the other universities had done analogous to the compact process. Bernhard said that the representatives from most of the other campuses were not aware of anything like it although a few (Miami and Ohio) had established similar planning processes.

SEC was aware that there had been greatly differing types of faculty participation in the drafting of the compacts, and the question was raised about what a college faculty could do if they wanted greater participation. It was observed that the VPAA had referred to the compacts as "fluid documents" and that the college councils could discuss them. Bernhard suggested that the chairs of the college councils meet.

NEW BUSINESS

Provost's Policies

SEC discussed the four policies recently announced by the Provost in December:

1. Interim Policy: Request to Stop the Tenure Clock,
2. Faculty Leave Pay Out Policies,
3. Salary Lines for Faculty in Administrative Appointments, and
4. Administrative Pay Policy for Chairs, School Directors, Associate and Assistant Deans.

The first of these has the greatest impact on faculty. There is a joint committee formed by the Faculty Welfare Committee and the Provost's Office to work on this; the co-chairs are Sue Houston and Phil Weinsier. Concerns raised by SEC were that there was no definition of terms, that it appeared that a person had to be here more than a

year to come under the policy, and that the clock could not be stopped more than once. Pauken invited faculty to send him any concerns; he will forward them to the co-chairs. SEC praised the move to get clarification on stopping the clock since several faculty had had difficulties with these issues recently. SEC notes that these policies were discussed with the Council of Deans but regrets the lack of consultation with faculty.

Senate Standing Committees

SEC reviewed the filling of vacancies and changes in chairs. Committees are reminded to send their minutes to the Senate Office.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

FMS Problems

An external consultant has been hired by the CFO to identify problems with FMS and Grants Accounting. She is specifically studying problems with the non-distribution of indirect funds collected with grants. It was reported that these distributions have not been made for the last year and a half.

Tuition and Compensation

Craddock circulated data from the Board of Regents web site showing that BGSU's tuition is among the highest and its faculty compensation is among the lowest. The data are available at: http://regents.ohio.gov/financial/tuition/Tuition_08.pdf and at http://gry.regents.state.oh.us/cgi-pub/site_map?name=bds_sid&jsfl . Pauken will invite the chair of FSBC to an SEC meeting to discuss this.

Status of Program Review

There was brief discussion of the status of the review of administrative offices and of program review generally. SEC will put this on the agenda for the next SEC/VPAA Conference.

Charter Violations

There was brief discussion of the alleged Charter violations.

SENATE AGENDA

There was brief discussion of the agenda for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Hebein, Secretary