

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

September 4, 2007
2:30 pm

Assembly Room
McFall Center

At the request of some senators last spring, Chair Pauken and Parliamentarian Herman gave a presentation on parliamentary procedure from 1:30 to 2:00.

A reception was held in the Gallery from 2:00 to 2:30.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pauken called the meeting to order and asked the secretary to take the roll.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Faculty Senators Judy Adams (substitute Roudi Jamasbi), Bill Albertini, Candace Archer, John Balistreri, Keith Bernhard, Kristine Blair, Margaret Booth, David Border, Robert Boughton, Sue Carter Wood, Becca Cragin, Mark Earley, Tori Ekstrand, Heather Elliott-Famularo, Nora Engebretsen, Douglas Forsyth, Radhika Gajjala, Christina Guenther, Arjun Gupta, Daniel Klein, Molly Laflin, Gary Lee, Neocles Leontis, Sridevi Menon, Trinka Messenheimer, Helen Michaels, Cristopher Miko, Rekha Mirchandani, Benjamin Muego, Nancy Orel, Patrick Pauken-Chair, Peter Pinto, Hassan Rajaei, William Redmond, Lee Rockett, Jane Rodgers, Charles Saenz, Arthur Samel, Ray Schneider, Ronald Shields (substitute Todd Canedy), David Stott, Edward Weiland, Philip Weinsier, Ellen Williams-Vice Chair, Haowen Xi, Margaret Yacobucci, Arthur Yeh, Gi Woong Yun, Kay Zhang, Michael Zickar, Guy Zimmerman, Opportune Zongo, Rich Hebein-Secretary

Retiree Representative Robert Clark

Ex Officio President Sidney Ribeau, **EVP** Linda Dobb, **VPAA** Shirley Baugher, **VPSA** Ed Whipple

Graduate Student Senate Jeannie Sabaroff, Gina Ondercin

Undergraduate Student Government Johnnie Lewis, Nicholas Gamero

Absent: Pavel Anzenbacher, Paul Cesarini, Elaine Colprit, Alden Craddock, John Fischer, Andy Garcia, Erin Labbie, Amy Robinson

COMMUNICATIONS

Chair of the Faculty Senate

Pauken welcomed new and returning senators. He announced that a new faculty listproc would be running soon; it will be an un-moderated, "opt out" list. He thanked Dobb and her office for maintaining the membership of the list.

President

Ribeau welcomed the senators. He said that the organization of higher education at the state level has been changed from a structure with a chancellor reporting to the Board of Regents to one with the Board of Regents reporting to the chancellor, who reports to the governor. Under this model, the chancellor has increased authority for funding and "de-funding" programs. The state will develop a master plan for higher education, which will stress quality, affordability, differentiation among the universities, building on centers of excellence, and the avoidance of duplication of programs. He announced that Chancellor Fingerhut would visit campus on November 8.

Ribeau said that the University's current budget has a shortfall in excess of \$3 million, that we may not carry a deficit into the next fiscal year beginning on July 1, and that he has asked units reporting to him to present a plan by mid-December for balancing their budgets by the end of June. In the meantime, there is a hold on any new positions. He explained that the shortfall was caused by several things: Although there was a slight increase in state subsidy,

the state mandated a freeze on tuition and fees. The University had to reduce the amount of money available for scholarships from last year, which resulted in a temporary dip in enrollments. Mandatory cost increases are rising about 4% this year.

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Baughner said that she looked forward to working with the Senate and other groups and that communication was important to her. She said that this was a challenging time and that the University would develop its own master plan to position itself for the future.

Executive Vice President

Dobb announced that the University was establishing an emergency notification system and procedures, that the Board of Trustees would meet on September 27 and 28, and that the library had started a pilot program to purchase expensive textbooks and put them on reserve for the use of students.

Graduate Student Senate Representative

Sabaroff said that her goals were to increase the visibility of GSS on campus and to create a sense of community among graduate students.

Undergraduate Student Government Representative

Lewis said that his goals were to communicate with the administration, the faculty and other students, to work with the Dean of Students on issues of campus safety, and to develop a process for the evaluation of instructors.

Retiree Representative

Clark said he looked forward to working with Senate.

Ohio Faculty Council Representative

Bernhard explained that the OFC consisted of faculty representatives from the thirteen state-assisted universities and that the group would be meeting monthly.

REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

Committee on Academic Affairs

Border submitted the following report:

A survey of full time faculty, tenure and non-tenure track, was conducted in spring 2007. The motivations for conducting the survey were to gather information to (1) assist CAA's strategic planning function, and (2) to assist the SEC and the FSBC and FWC senate committees. Members Leser and Gajjala have volunteered to complete a qualitative analysis of the written responses. Members Williams and Bensen have volunteered to analyze the quantitative results. It is hoped that a report will be finished by no later than October 2007.

The committee is nearly at full membership, we await a few appointments and these include filling the vacancy of Undergraduate Student Government representative.

Amendments and Bylaws

ABC has not met yet, and there is no report.

Committee on Committees

Earley referred to the list of committee vacancies and invited nominations and volunteers. Com/Com will review the charges of all committees this year.

Faculty Senate Budget Committee

Evans submitted the following report:

The FSBC has met twice this year already. As in previous years, FSBC Minutes and other information are posted at the Faculty Senate Blackboard site for the University Community to review. Speaking personally, I welcome

questions or discussion with anyone to further the goal of a better informed University community on budgetary issues.

FSBC anticipates a very busy and productive year working closely with our new Provost/VPAA and new VPFA to resolve our budget deficit and meet the new strategic goals and policies of the new OBOR Chancellor. In the midst of significant leadership change both here and in Columbus, we believe that the challenges also offer numerous opportunities. Part of FSBC's mandate is a resource review of new proposals. We are presently reviewing a proposed Institute for the Study of Physical Activity and Aging in the School of Human Movement, Sport, and Leisure Studies, and we are beginning a review of a proposed School of Architecture and Construction Management in the College of Technology. In addition, FSBC has identified a number of topics of interest for this year, including sustainability issues such as energy efficiency and conservation; the hidden costs of deferred maintenance of University facilities; what can be done about textbook costs; operating costs of computer labs; and budgetary implications of data security issues. We welcome your opinion about pursuing any of these issues.

Faculty Personnel and Conciliation Committee

Zimmerman reported that they had nine cases currently and that they would review their procedures this year.

Faculty Welfare Committee

Weinsier said that the committee had not yet met and invited senators to send him their concerns.

Committee on Professional Affairs

Zickar said that CPA had no report and that they would take great interest in the restructuring of the state system.

NEW BUSINESS

BG Perspective Survey

Guests George Agich and William Knight explained that the University had received a grant to survey the faculty on issues surrounding the BG Perspective and encouraged faculty to participate. The goal is to enhance general education at the University.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Pauken explained that this was an open time for any senator to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

Pauken adjourned the meeting at 3:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Hebein,
Secretary