

SEC/VPAA JOINT CONFERENCE MINUTES

October 9, 2007
2:30 to 4:30 pm.

Senate Conference Room
140 McFall Center

Present: Shirley Baugher, Keith Bernhard, Alden Craddock, Nora Engebretsen, Gary Lee, Johnnie Lewis, Ben Muego, Nancy Orel, Patrick Pauken, Peter Pinto, Jeannie Sabaroff (sub. Gina Ondercin), Ellen Williams, Rich Hebein

Absent: None

CHAIR'S REPORT

Faculty Senate Vice Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 2:38 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Tenure Track Flexibility Committee

This committee, chaired by Linda Petrosino, was charged with exploring the possibility for tenured faculty to go part time. The issue was prompted by the resignation of two faculty members because there was no provision to do so; the Charter envisions tenured positions as full time. The committee submitted its report in December, 2006, and recommended that the Provost appoint another committee with more broadly based representation to explore a flexible workload model for tenured faculty. VPAA Baugher said she would do so. SEC suggested that the broader committee include a representative from the Faculty Welfare Committee and from Women in Senate. Muego offered to bring this up at the Ohio Faculty Council and was encouraged to do so. Craddock reported that FWC was working on a somewhat related issue, namely, stopping the tenure clock for probationers.

NEW BUSINESS

University Work Group & Development of Draft Master Plan

Pauken referred to an SEC motion that called for the addition of students to the UWG, and Baugher said that two would be appointed. She said that deans had been given a template for their compacts, that the compacts had been presented and that she was writing back to deans about them. Deans will then have until early November to resubmit. At that point, she will synthesize them and give a presentation to the UWG.

Pauken referred to the **Open Forum on Tuesday, October 30, 2007, at 2:30 in Olscamp 101B** and asked Baugher to start with an update on the UWG. Pinto asked her to include what she envisioned going into the Master Plan; she agreed. She stressed the need to recognize our centers of excellence and observed that the state's funding model would probably change from the current one, which is based on student credit hours. Pauken commented on the need to observe shared governance. Baugher said that Chancellor Fingerhut was visiting every campus and would be at BG on November 7 and 8.

Plans for International Education

Muego reported that the Asian Studies Program has exchanges with three universities in Japan, two in China and one in South Korea. Fifteen faculty are involved as well as fifty student majors, and all of this is accomplished on a very modest budget.

International Democratic Education Institute

Craddock reported on the institute, which he directs; the purpose is to prepare citizens for democracy. They have partnerships in Morocco, Poland and South Africa, and a Moroccan delegation will visit BG in spring.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Committee Vacancy

Pauken said that SEC needed to appoint two persons to the Committee on Professional Affairs.

Continuing and Extended Education

SEC asked about the configuration of CEE. Baugher replied that she would be happy to report when the issue is settled. Craddock thought there was more that we could do to increase summer enrollments. Baugher replied that they were working on the data right now.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Hebein, Secretary