

## **SEC/EVP JOINT CONFERENCE MINUTES**

October 23, 2007  
2:30 to 4:30 pm.

1001 Cedar Point Center  
Firelands Campus

**Present:** Alden Craddock, Linda Dobb, Nora Engebretsen, Gary Lee, Ben Muego, Patrick Pauken, Ellen Williams, Rich Hebein

**Guest:** Josh Von Lehmden

Faculty Senate holds the following meetings at Firelands every October according to a three-year cycle: full Senate the first year, SEC/VPAA the second year, and SEC/EVP the third year.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Faculty Senate Chair Pauken called the meeting to order at 2:40 pm. He announced that SEC had met in closed session two weeks earlier to discuss alleged Charter violations and requests for Charter interpretations. He will notify all parties involved via letter. He also announced that the committee on Professional Affairs still needs two members from SEC. Muego suggested that Bernhard be asked to serve.

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Managing Desktops with Altiris**

This matter was brought to the attention of the Senate officers by a member of the Information Technology Committee who pointed out that Altiris allows ITS to have unlimited control over someone's computer and that privacy and intellectual property there could be compromised.

Pauken re-ordered the agenda to accommodate guest Von Lehmden from Information Technology Services. The purpose was to discuss the use of Altiris software and related security concerns. If someone has difficulty with their computer, Altiris allows ITS to connect with the employee's computer. This was referred to as remote control fixing. If the employee doesn't want this, they can decline and wait for an ITS representative to come to their office in person. Von Lehmden referred to the CIO's Altiris web site at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/cio/page34703.html>.

Dobb reported on the developing emergency information system on campus and said that students were being invited to register their cell phone numbers so they could receive emergency

messages. This is part of a continuing effort to communicate quickly regarding weather, crime and other emergencies through various media.

Craddock asked if there was a policy on the use of cell phones in class. Dobb said that there was not. Muego suggested putting a prohibition against their use in the syllabus.

Dobb reported that ITS was constantly looking for cost saving measures and more efficient software. She said that the University would probably have to curtail the unlimited printing now available in the computer labs. She said Microsoft's Outlook would probably replace Lotus Notes as our web mail software and that they were looking for alternatives to Blackboard.

Pauken thanked Von Lehmden who left the meeting.

### **Classified Civil Service Reform: HB 187**

Dobb reported that House Bill 187 allowed universities to change their own work rules. Guidelines drafted by the Inter-University Council, which will be put before the University's Board of Trustees for approval, suggest how universities should go about this. The Guidelines, for example, call for a consultative process. Dobb said that there have been concerns about dismissal procedures, bumping rights and carry-over vacation rights. Hebein asked if it were likely that benefits would be extended or curtailed. Dobb replied that she didn't know since we were in a period of flux. She added that we currently have "coordinated benefits," such as parking, health insurance and children's tuition, among the employee groups and that that might change. Muego mentioned the possibility of unionization. Dobb said that that was their right but that would add another layer of organization. Bernhard asked what changes might be expected. Dobb referred to the possibility of a catastrophic leave bank, holiday closures and moving Veterans Day.

### **Master Planning Process**

Dobb summarized the process: The President established a Strategic Positioning Group last spring, and it has completed its work. The Compact Process is currently underway and, with the help of the University Working Group, will produce a draft Master Plan for the University by December to mesh with the State's Master Plan. A Strategic Planning Group will be established in spring.

Pauken asked how the UWG related to this process. He asked this because they have yet to discuss the compacts and wished that the UWG would have more time. He said that they have only discussed context and history up to this time. Dobb hoped one function of the group would be to respond to events at the state level. Williams said there was a lot of concern about the future of graduate education. Dobb said that graduate education doesn't bring in a lot of money. Hebein observed that the cost of instruction would be much higher if we didn't have teaching assistants. Dobb said that giving scholarships actually contributed to the deficit and that enrollment may no longer drive the budget.

Dobb left the meeting.

## **ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

### **Faculty Sanctions**

SEC discussed the status of the Sanctions Policy and agreed to create a new committee to revive the issue.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Hebein, Secretary