

**SEC/VPAA JOINT CONFERENCE
MINUTES**

March 17, 2009
2:30 pm

Senate Conference Room
140 McFall Center

Present: Keith Bernhard, Alden Craddock, Jim Evans, Mark Gromko, Emmanuel Guillory, Ben Muego, Peter Pinto, Roger Schupp, Ron Shields, Ellen Williams, Rich Hebein

CHAIR'S REPORT

Vice Chair Shields called the meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS

University Learning Outcomes

Gromko had reported on these at the last Senate meeting. Shields asked about the history. Gromko said that the outcomes for the majors were developed ten to twelve years ago and were put into the catalog at that time. The University Learning Outcomes were developed recently from them.

NEW BUSINESS

General Education Review

Keeling and Associates have submitted their final report of consultation, which was limited to the three questions: 1) Should the program be reviewed? 2) Is this the right time? 3) How best to proceed? The report answers the first two questions in the affirmative and makes suggestions on the third. Gromko said that he was appointing Associate Provost Cathy Cardwell to chair a small steering committee, which would establish a larger committee and detail a process. He said that we would continue to employ K&A as facilitators throughout the process.

Shields asked how BGSU compared to other universities with regard to their general education requirements? Gromko said that we required a little less. We do not have a university-wide math requirement.

There was considerable discussion about the establishment of any committees and the role of Faculty Senate. Williams said that we needed broad faculty participation. Shields said that Com/Com needed to be involved in the establishment of the committee. Evans said that SEC should establish the committee. SEC will consider this at its next meeting.

Transition to Next Provost

Gromko said that he wanted the deans to have their goals clarified so they would be ready to work with the next provost. He said that we needed a provost with the right skills and one who appreciated the strengths that we have here.

Compact Process and Timetable

Gromko said it was suggested that we use a two-year cycle for the process to coincide with the state's budget cycle. There was agreement that one year was too short. Gromko invited SEC or the officers to draft a resolution along those lines.

Reconfiguration

The Senate officers had expressed willingness to meet with Deans Council to discuss *Charter* requirements for unit restructuring. Gromko supported the idea and said he would schedule the officers for a meeting soon. He said that the deans were preparing for a second retreat on this, and each dean would present a reorganization proposal with the goals of efficiency, positioning and creativity/innovation. Evans asked if this was an alternative procedure to the *Charter XIV*: Reconfiguration. Gromko said it was not; they were just floating ideas. Any proposals would be handled appropriately later.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

University-Wide Printer Contract

Evans asked if there was a plan to remove printers from faculty offices; he said that this would adversely affect faculty productivity. Gromko said that he would look into it. He subsequently reported the following:

ITS is **not** developing a plan that includes taking away personal printers. They will be sending out an rfp to contract for network printing, copiers, and faxes on a university-wide basis. The process will be designed to meet the printing/copying needs of individual units and is estimated to save \$1M to \$2M a year. The result will be a system of printing/copying devices in department offices and at other locations that take faculty and staff time and convenience into account. If, in addition to those university-provided printing devices, individuals decide that they also want a printer on their desk, they can choose to spend their money in that way.

The plan takes costs of maintenance, paper, and toner into account. We estimate that desktop printer costs can run anywhere from 8 cents a page up to 20 cents a page. The copying cost of the centralized system, by contrast, will be reduced to 1 cent a page or less. I repeat that the plan allows you to keep your personal printer, in addition to the system printers, if you decide that it is cost- and time-effective for you to do so.

Faculty Teaching Loads

Williams said that she was forwarding a question from a colleague: Is there a policy on faculty loads? Gromko said that there was not a state, university or college policy on these. Custom has been that faculty in doctoral departments teach two courses per semester; in masters departments, three, and in bachelors department, four each semester.

ADJOURNMENT

Shields thanked Gromko and adjourned the meeting at 3:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Hebein, Secretary