

**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

September 29, 2009
2:30 p.m.

Senate Conference Room
140 McFall Center

Present: Judy Adams, Kris Blair, Jim Evans, Dwayne Gremler, Terry Herman, Andy Kurtz, Jacqueline Leclair, Judy May, Sundeep Mutgi, Ron Shields, Carl Walling, Ellen Williams

Absent: None

Chair's Report

Shields reported that the Constituent Group Representatives had met to discuss their reports for the Board of Trustees Meeting on October 2, 2009. He noted that there would be a report from the B.O.T. Compensation Committee at the upcoming meeting. He was of the impression that this report would be more of a philosophy regarding compensation at the university rather than any concrete recommendations concerning salaries. If the Board Compensation Committee report addresses the Faculty Senate recommendation regarding the 3% Merit Policy passed by Senate last year, then Shields will thank them. If the report doesn't address the Senate 3% Merit Policy, Shields will indicate that Senate will be asking the Board to rule on the policy this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Chair's Meetings with Senate Committees

Shields reported that he had met with the Faculty Senate Budget Committee and also with the Faculty Welfare Committee. He gave them charges to shepherd the following items through the approval process this year: the Faculty Misconduct Policy; the Flexible Tenure Policy; and the 3% Merit Policy.

Non Tenure Track Faculty Representation on Faculty Senate

Last year, Faculty Senate passed a motion that allowed for Non-Tenure Track Faculty to vote on Senate representation as well as to be elected to Senate. Each College will be asked to develop a procedure to ensure that this occurs. Secretary Williams will be sending a memorandum to each of the Colleges to remind them that they are to develop a policy that will allow for NTTF voting on Senate representation and to allow NTTF to run for Senate.

Definition of "Faculty" in the Charter

Shields noted that he has asked Amendments and Bylaws Committee (ABC) to ensure that the term faculty is defined in a consistent manner in the charter. Pat Pauken will work with ABC to ensure uniformity of the definition of "faculty" throughout the charter.

NEW BUSINESS

CUE Committee Update

Shields reported that he had attended a CUE (Connecting the Undergraduate Experience) Committee Retreat at Levis Commons on September 25th. He asked if Kurtz and Williams would report on the CUE retreat. One purpose of the retreat was to present the conceptual learning model that has been developed to review the undergraduate program/ experience. This conceptual learning model was presented to the President, the VPAA, VP's, the Deans and to several additional university leaders. The Deans were asked to conduct an analysis of the conceptual learning model and to provide feedback to the CUE Committee on the model. One major question raised by the Deans was how the work of the CUE Committee would be coordinated with the Strategic Initiatives Implementation, the Compact Programs and potential

reconfiguration discussions. On October 15th, President Cartwright will include information on the CUE Committee work at her state of the university address. At the end of October and in the beginning of November, there will be a number of Open Forums sponsored by the CUE Committee to discuss the conceptual learning model and the work of the CUE Committee. The focus of the Undergraduate Experience includes the general education program, residential life, co-curricular activities, advising and distance learning. It is the total undergraduate experience at BGSU. The CUE Committee is not only looking at traditional students but also non-traditional, transfer students, students at BG campus and students at Firelands campus. CUE has a website and a blog page. Shields indicated that CUE would be providing periodic reports to Senate. Williams indicated that Cathi Cardwell and Steve Langendorfer would be presenting an update on CUE activities to Committee on Academic Affairs.

Fall Faculty Senate Forum

Shields reported that there would be a Faculty Senate Fall Forum. The date has not been confirmed yet but it is planned for late November or early December. (Tentative date is November 23rd.) The theme for this Fall Forum will be "Taking a Comparative Look at BGSU." The President, the VPAA and the CFO have been asked to compare BGSU with our sister institutions (Kent, Ohio University & Miami, etc.). This comparison would look at enrollments, budgets, salaries, welfare packages, centers for excellence, strengths, special programs, etc.

Change in Faculty Awards Ceremonies

Williams reported that there used to be two different university ceremonies to bestow university faculty awards including Faculty Senate Awards. One was held in the fall during a dinner meeting and one was held during the spring during a luncheon meeting.

Faculty Senate Officers met with the Provost's Office last year to try to combine these two events. This year, there will be one Faculty Awards Ceremony held in the spring.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Using the Faculty Listproc to Address Needs of Students in Need

Shields commended the faculty who used the Faculty List Proc to call attention to some of our students' needs such as a need for food for students who were without adequate funds to buy food. He also commended the faculty who shared food resources on the list proc.

Changing from Ad Hoc Committees to Standing University Committees

Jim Evans noted that there are two ad hoc committees that need to consider becoming university standing committees and they should be going through this process through Committee on Committees. These two ad hoc committees are: The Infectious Disease Working Group and The Leave Bank Work Group. Any ad hoc committee in existence for two years should be approaching Committee on Committees to become a standing university committee. Jim Evans voiced concern that there may need to be additional faculty representation on committees like these. Judy Adams also voiced concern that one of the policies being proposed by the Infectious Disease Working Group is discussing procedures to use in the event of an H1N1 outbreak at BGSU. This could include suspending classes and asking faculty to continue academic programs for students through alternative methods. This policy is also suggesting how faculty should grade students if classes are suspended. Adams noted that this kind of committee and this kind of policy should include more faculty representation. Evans noted that there needs to be more coordination of emergency policies and that there needs to be greater faculty representation on these committees and greater faculty voice on these policies. The Senate Officers will follow up on this.

Update on Reconfiguration Discussions/ Issues

Shields will ask VPAA Borland to present to Faculty Senate any new information on reconfiguration discussions with the Deans. Senate Officers have not been informed of any specific details regarding these discussions.

Parking for Faculty

Judy Adams questioned whether or not faculty would be paying for parking benefits. Shields indicated that some upper level administrators are paying for parking this year. There have been rumors about faculty being asked to pay for parking in the future. Adams asked if that would mean that there would be assigned parking. Williams said that it probably would still mean that parking passes were “hunting permits” or “sharking permits” and faculty would have to continue searching for open parking. Sundeep Mutgi also brought up information that USG is looking at a proposal about a \$20 fee for undergraduates for the shuttle bus fee. This is an attempt to make the shuttle service a sustainable program.

Setting Senate Agendas

Shields announced that speakers for the October Faculty Senate Agenda include:

Pat Pauken	“United Way”
Albert Colom	“Enrollment Update”
Joe Oravec	“Capital Planning”
Steve Krakoff	

Speakers for the November Faculty Senate Agenda include:

Bruce Edwards	“COBL-Distance Learning”
Cathi Cardwell	“CUE Update”
Donna Wittwer	“Insurance Changes”

For the January meeting, Faculty Senate is looking for a speaker from STRS to discuss changes in the State Teacher Retirement System.

ADJOURNMENT

Judy Adams moved for adjournment. Carl Walling seconded. Shields adjourned the meeting at 3:55.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Ursula Williams, Secretary