

**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/VPAA
MINUTES**

February 28, 2012
2:30 - 4:30 pm

Senate conference room
140 McFall Center

Present: David Border, Michelle Brodke, Mark Earley, Sherry Early, John Folkins, Judy Jackson May, Ray Swisher, Elizabeth Wood.

Presider: John Folkins

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Facilities Update: Rodney Rogers

Master Plan: Phase I Focus Most of this phase concerns the academic core – specifically plans and decisions about where programs are housed during construction, renovation, and rendition.

- Sixteen buildings may be impacted.
- RFP's for the following outside experts will soon be issued with 2 Senate members on the selection committee for these positions: Programming planning firm (to articulate current and future needs of existing programs and to stage interim moves); Architect; Construction manager.
- Hard and fast decisions have not yet been made. There will be many opportunities for faculty input.

Faculty Involvement

- A steering committee for overall coordination will have two faculty representatives with multi-year appointments.
- Discipline-based subcommittees (Science, Social Sciences, Education, etc.) will be formed by end of Summer 2012.
- Evidence of action (not completion of the entire project) is expected by Summer 2013.

Project Considerations

- Avoid unwarranted costs
- Minimize disruption and multiple moves
- Determine when classrooms go offline, since not all work can be accomplished during the summer

Questions Attendees posed several questions.

Internship Task Force – Albert Colom and Annette Badik

Badik outlined the purpose, scope, and projected outcomes of the Co-op and Internship Task Force, which she chairs. The goal is to track, benchmark best practices metrics, assess, and raise to the same high quality all co-ops and internships offered by BGSU. In addition, the task force will recommend a communication mechanism to make it easier for all students to find an opportunity matching their interests.

She then responded to questions.

University of Delaware Data (NSCIP) – Joe Frizado

Mechanics Frizado explained the classification scheme for drawing comparisons between BGSU departments/units and peer institutions and mentioned some of the limitations of the codes and other aspects of using data from this long-running study. He cautioned that defining peers and identifying meaningful benchmarks are the most difficult preliminary decisions.

Use of Data Although the University has been contributing to the study for years, the aim now is to fine-tune parameters and move toward using this data 1) to resolve equity issues regarding staffing among units and departments and 2) to make better resource allocation decisions. The use of this data is seen in part as a means of conserving resources needed for such purposes as renovations, adding tenure-track faculty, and addressing other key university priorities.

Questions Frizado responded to questions.

Senate Attendance Policy

Chair Folkins described the wide-spread confusion about the Senate attendance policy – noting that neither providing a substitute nor reporting an anticipated absence to the Senate Office constitutes being granted an excused absence.

SEC members agreed that letters should be sent to senators who have missed more than two meetings in a semester, recognizing that the SEC has the option of granting a waiver to the Charter statement of policy that a Senate seat must be vacated after more than two unexcused absences in an academic year.

It was moved by Wood and seconded by Earley that more-flexible language regarding Senate attendance be incorporated into the Charter. The motion carried. Update: Wood has asked the Amendments and Bylaws Committee to draft such revisions for SEC's approval. This matter is on the March 26 A & B meeting agenda.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

The Innovative Teaching group has asked Senate for some funding for a proposed forum. It was moved by Wood and seconded by Earley that Senate allocate \$100 to that group. The motion carried.

SENATE AGENDA

Folkins reviewed the following list of agenda items and mentioned that he intended to ask for a moment of silence in memory of the two students injured and the three lost in a tragic Spring Break traffic accident. He then asked whether additional items should be added to the agenda. No additional items were brought forth.

Address from the Board of Trustees Chair, William Primrose III

Facilities Update: Sheri Stoll and Steve Krakoff

Internship Task Force: Albert Colom and Annette Badik

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ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted Elizabeth J. Wood