

## SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 8, 2013  
2:30 – 4:30 pm

Senate Conference  
140 McFall Center

**PRESENT:** David Border, Michael Buerger, Mark Earley, Rachelle Hippler, Paul Johnson, Andrew Pelletier, Sarah Rainey, David Sleasman, Sheri Wells-Jensen, Elizabeth Wood.

**PRESIDER:** Faculty Senate Chair, Mark Earley, presided.

**CHAIR'S REPORT:** Chair Earley welcomed everyone back.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

International Programs Updates: Albert Colom & Dr. Sue Houston V.P. Colom and V.P. Houston gave a preview of their upcoming presentation to the January 2013 Senate meeting.

Restructuring and Renewal: Congruent with the University's long term goal of enhancing diversity at BGSU by 1) increasing the proportion of our student body and faculty who represent the international community and 2) providing a stronger international and inter-cultural experience for domestic students -- the restructured International Programs components are gearing up to advance various international education initiatives. While responsibility is now shared, rather than vested in a single administrative entity, both the aspects coordinated by Dr. Houston and those for which Colom has responsibility report through the Provost's office. Resources have been re-purposed so that momentum in BGSU's commitment to expand international education can be maintained without sacrificing other quality academic initiatives.

Study Abroad and Academic Partnerships Vice Provost Houston, whose main areas of responsibility are study abroad and monitoring and enhancing partnerships with entities involved in global education, emphasized progress in implementing the organizational and communications infrastructure necessary for forging ahead in those aspects of international education. She also mentioned a few specific initiatives including the following :

- Implementation of "Studio Abroad " software to improve student access to resources, tracking study abroad activity, and risk management.
- Improving financial and logistical support for students and faculty interested in participating in expansion of BGSU's global education .

- Expanding affinity groups based on interest, experience, and/or country or region of origin as germinators of additional options for international education activities.
- Vetting and, where productive, expanding agreements with partners facilitating recruitment of international students, faculty exchanges, and similar efforts.
- Encouraging faculty and student participation in programs such as Fullbright awards for study, teaching, and doing research abroad.

#### Recruitment, Admissions, Immigration, and Orientation of International Students

Vice President Colom elaborated on statistics and initiatives presented to SEC in his handouts. Like Houston, he stressed new organizational infrastructure for expanding global education that was crafted with input from the Student Affairs Division and that will be implemented with the cooperation and oversight of University Finance and Accounting.

Colom cited the Institute of International Education's 2011 *Opendoors Report* as the context for developing BGSU's strategies and initiatives. Noting that there is a robust pool of international student desirous of being educated in the United States, he affirmed that BGSU's goal of adding 200 new international students in 2013 is achievable.

He further outlined the intention to make stepwise increments toward the ultimate goal of doubling our international enrollment so that the needs of international students do not outstrip BGSU's resources for supporting their academic success. Colom presented recruitment 10 strategies designed to achieve the goal of systematically recruiting and retaining 1,500 international undergraduate and graduate students at BGSU.

Senate Awards Chair Earley reported that no award nominations had been received as of the SEC meeting time. He asked SEC's recommendation about issuing a final extension to the deadline for submitting and received an affirmative response. He also mentioned plans to contact administrators asking them to encourage nominations of faculty eligible for recognition.

Honorary Degree Request Earley distributed letters and supporting material for an honorary degree request from President Mazey and Provost Rogers. Since the request did not come from an academic unit or from a faculty member, the *Charter* mandates a vote from SEC and not submission to the full Senate. SEC will consider the request at its next meeting. If approved, the request will be transmitted for consideration by the Board of Trustees.

**ISSUES AND CONCERNS:** Secretary Wood asked any SEC member who is on a committee to be mindful of deadlines for submission of items to the Board of Trustees. Any item requiring BOT approval must first be published in Senate minutes and the

minutes must fulfill a *Charter*-mandated 10 class day period for potential appeals before they can be transmitted to the Board.

**SENATE AGENDA:** SEC approved the following items for the 1/15 2013 Senate agenda

- International Programs Updates: Albert Colom & Dr. Sue Houston
- STRS Update: Tamla Cole

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth J. Wood, Faculty Senate Secretary