

**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**October 30, 2012  
2:30 – 4:00 pm**

**Senate Conference Room  
140 Mc Fall Center**

**Members Present:** Border, Buerger, Earley, Hippler, Johnson, Pelletier, Rainey, Rich, Sleasman, Wells-Jensen, Wood.

**Guests:** Dean Colwell, Dawn Shinew, Deborah Wooldridge, Jacqueline Roe

**CHAIR'S REPORT** Chair Earley attended Ohio Faculty Council meeting. Discussion centered on new formula for SSI distribution. Bruce Johnson from Inter-University Council spoke.

**OLD BUSINESS** Inclusive Early Childhood curriculum modification request.

The guests addressed questions/concerns from SEC's discussion in its previous October meeting:

- The Steering Committee as described in the proposal is something of a misnomer, since decisions about workload, curriculum, and so forth are still made at the departmental level as in most interdisciplinary programs. It is more like a program committee, with faculty driving decisions about the curriculum, than the name would suggest. Guests noted that while administrators have oversight of programs, they typically are not represented on program committees.
- From the perspective of Wooldridge and Shinew, the CMR merely formalizes what is currently done informally in terms of such details as creating a scheduling template that facilitates the cohort structure for students.
- In Dean Colwell's view -- if implemented -- to some extent this program will remain a work in progress during the transition period. There are unique issues and not all details can easily be worked out in advance.
- Speculation is that the accreditation body will have moved with the times and may not be bothered by the administration of this new program being split between two entities. SEC commented that in future it may be a good idea to formalize what is now a smooth informal cooperation.
- Sec queried additional aspects of program implementation including but not limited to the following: How does this program differ from the current Early Childhood program; will the required number of credit hours be a burden to students; will any faculty in the current program be disadvantaged by the suggested change to an Inclusive Early Childhood focus; to what extent will these courses be taught online?

**NEW BUSINESS** Grade appeals policy

After discussing the potential impact upon students and faculty, the recommended policy revision (excision of two sentences) was deemed ready for Senate consideration.

### **ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

- Chair Earley announced that the date of the faculty award ceremony -- sponsored jointly by the President, Provost and Faculty Senate -- has been set for April 10, 2013 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- An update on proposed removal of the Academic Honesty policy from the *Charter* was requested. Chair Earley needs a proposal from interested parties to formally initiate consideration of such a recommendation.
- SEC revisited concerns about revision of the W/WF policy change that was reviewed at the 10/9/12 SEC meeting. It will be on the November Senate agenda.

**SENATE AGENDA** The following agenda items were approved:

- Inclusive Early Childhood CMR
- Grade Appeals Policy
- Charter language for Ohio Faculty Council Membership
- BGP/General Education Curriculum Changes
- Guest Students Under 16 Credit Hour Limit

**ADJOURNMENT** Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Elizabeth J. Wood, Faculty Senate Secretary