

SEC/VPAA JOINT CONFERENCE MINUTES

October 9, 2012
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, Rodney Rogers, Sheri Wells-Jensen, Elizabeth Wood.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

EDHD Inclusive Early Childhood Proposal

SEC members discussed the merits of this proposal along with concerns about its successful implementation. The CAA chair noted that members of his committee have been helpful in advancing this proposal.

Concerns raised by SEC included but were not limited to the following:

- What entity will allocate resources that have been pledged by the Dean of Firelands College?
- How will accrediting bodies view a program whose administration is spread among 3 entities instead of being administered from a single department or school?
- What will happen to existing programs if this proposal is approved?
- How will workload, promotion, tenure, and similar academic matters be handled for faculty working in a program outside their home department?
- What advantage for BGSU might be jeopardized if this proposal is not placed on the November Senate agenda; and is that concern more important than working out implementation details that appear problematical? Will BG still be in the forefront statewide among Early Childhood Education programs?

SEC decided to invite the Firelands dean and the three administrators who would be involved in the new program if it is approved to its October 30th meeting to hear their thoughts about how some of these questions could be addressed and whether some implementation concerns might be resolved before forwarding the proposal to Senate.

W/WF Policy

It was noted that – if approved -- this change would be more in line with most universities in Ohio and that Undergraduate Council has approved the change.

After discussion of what effects this change might have on students (e.g. those assigned to group projects), on communication/notification to faculty when a student withdraws, on prior consultation between withdrawing student and the advisor, and on other issues SEC decided to forward this policy change to Senate.

BGP/General Education Curriculum Changes SEC did not have the final draft of the CMR but nevertheless discussed the substance of the document. It was pointed out that -- if approved -- this change would bring BGSU into compliance with state requirements and that the document clarifies that what is commonly known as “dual counting” would be permitted.

SEC determined that the matter should be brought to Senate for consideration.

Guest Students Under 16 Hour Credit Limit SEC discussed when this policy would come into play and explored the pros and cons of the proposed policy revision.

The policy would not permit guest credits to be applied toward degree completion -- should the student subsequently be formally admitted to a BGSU degree program -- unless the equivalency has been verified by BGSU's Office of Registration and Records.

But the policy revision would facilitate satisfying some prerequisites at a different institution and thus is expected to help BGSU's retention rates. SEC will bring this revision to Senate for consideration.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS Questions to be posed at the forthcoming president's panel meeting were solicited.

ADJOURNMENT 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth J. Wood