

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

November 6, 2012
2:30 – 4:30 P.M.

Assembly Room
McFall Center

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Earley called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m. and asked permission to re-order the agenda in order to release guest presenters after they spoke.

ROLL CALL: Secretary Wood called the roll and announced a quorum.

ABSENT (NO SUBSTITUTE): Cabanillas, Grunden, Jones, and Larsen.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chair of the Faculty Senate (Dr. Earley)

Good afternoon and welcome to November! I hope that everyone's semester is going well. I have a few updates for you.

- *Smoke Free Campus* First, there will be a committee drafting a policy that will then be passed around for discussion regarding the smoke-free campus you have heard Dr. Mazey speak of. This is a recommendation, not a mandate, from the Ohio Board of Regents that our campus is pursuing. I would like to have two senators on this committee – if you are interested please see me after today's meeting.
- *First Year Seminars* Next, there will also be a committee working on drafting ideas related to the first-year seminar you have heard Dr. Rogers speak of. Again, I would like two senators on this committee – please see me if you are interested. I'm not sure when this committee will begin its work, or how long the work will take, but at this point as I understand it, the committee is working mostly on drafting talking points for future discussions, not an official policy on first year seminars.
- *Ohio Faculty Council* I attended the Ohio Faculty Council meeting last month where our guest was Bruce Johnson from IUC. He talked about the pending revisions to the SSI determination, which are, of course still in the works.
- *Faculty Awards Reception* We have set the date for this year's Faculty Awards recognition event. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, 10 April from 4:30 – 7:00 to help recognize those faculty receiving awards from the Senate, the Provost, and the President. The call for Senate awards went out last week. Please encourage colleagues to submit nominations, or consider nominating worthy colleagues yourself, so we have a strong pool to select from.
- *Academic Policies* Finally, today you will notice a variety of policies for discussion. These come first from the University Academic Policy Taskforce, a combination of advisors, faculty, and associate deans working to ensure our policies support, rather than hinder, student progress and success. These policies then go to Undergraduate Council, Committee on Academic Affairs, and SEC. I want to thank Amy Rybak and Sarah Rainey for serving on this committee on behalf of the Faculty Senate.

President (Dr. Mazey) Since Dr. Mazey was at another meeting, the Provost delivered her report. President Mazey is unable to join us today in that she is in Columbus attending an IUC meeting that is focused on a new SSI funding model for state universities in Ohio. She has asked that I share with you some updates. I will combine these updates with my updates as well.

First, the Complete College Ohio Task Force continues to move forward with their work focusing on three areas:

1. No Time to Waste: Shorten the Path, Keep on Track, Help students accelerate
2. Ready for College: Prepared to Learn, Remediation that Works, Academic Advising
3. Help the student cross the finish line: Reward the progress, Control the Cost, Career Planning

Related Issues:

Three-Year Programs – The State of Ohio requires all state universities to provide a pathway for students to complete non-exempt undergraduate programs within three years. We are required to provide this pathway for 10% of our programs. Eventually we will need to provide pathways for 60% of our non-exempt undergraduate programs.

College Readiness and Remediation Free Standards Recommendations – This report provides recommendations regarding standards that should be used by state universities to determine if a student is required to complete remediation courses.

Provost/VPAA (Dr. Rogers)

Retention: SuccessNET has been successful with 752 faculty members using the system to provide feedback to their students.

Academic Advising – We continue to focus on developing an enhanced approach to academic advising. A group of faculty, staff and students participated in a three day workshop to consider ways to improve the transactional aspect of academic advising. This will help inform a more comprehensive analysis of the way in which we provide academic advising to our students.

Graduate Student Senate Representative (David Sleasman) No report.

Undergraduate Student Government Representative (David Neely) Mr. Neely submitted the written report summarized below:

- USG is applying for the Conference of Student Government Associations at Texas A & M in order to network with colleagues and gain new ideas.
- USG President Solis and V.P. are doing a residence hall tour to publicize campus events, gather student concerns, and meet constituents.
- President Solis is drafting a letter of support for the smoke free campus initiative so that the student voice is incorporated into policy recommendations.
- USG Executive Board will speak with Wood County Hospital representatives to give input into the new student health center building and operations.
- During September and early October USG made a strong push to get students registered to vote.

BGSU-FA Liaison (Lawrence Coates) Dr. Coates delivered the following remarks:
It has been two years since the faculty voted to form a collective bargaining unit.

There was optimism at beginning of academic year –

- The administration had begun to sign off on Tentative Agreements.
Therefore, it seemed that we would continue to make progress

However, optimism is now hard now to maintain.

- Four months ago this administration agreed to a deadline of July 1, 2012.
When that passed, we chose not to negotiate a new deadline, because we were making progress.
- However, it's discouraging now when we hear that President Mazey has said at a forum, "If we complete this contract by July 2013, we would actually be ahead."
- It's also discouraging when we receive emails from Provost Rogers stating that part of his plan is to invest in faculty – and then see that the faculty and benefits proposal that he himself presented at a bargaining session would lead to a decrease in total compensation.
- One other thing I'd like to respond to – the president has said that NTTF are already compensated at market rates. This is based on a serious undercount of NTTF at our peer institutions. While we use the terms Lecturer and Instructor, every institution does it differently, so that "An Assistant Professor of Teaching" somewhere else might be the equivalent of a lecturer here.
- The contract is 75% done unless you're talking about word count, but major issues are outstanding. And going to fact-finding is a growing possibility.

Retiree Representative (Tom Hern) Dr. Hern called attention to a recent article in the Sentinel-Tribune about the activities of the BGSU-FA.

REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES:

Committee on Academic Affairs – David Border

- Please note that CAA has been worked actively to fulfill its role in the review of new programs, policies and so forth. A number of these items were reviewed in our October meeting and they are on today's Faculty Senate agenda.
- In November the committee will be looking into how the Internet is being used to peddle questionable academic "aids" to our students, including completion of term papers, and online coursework. One troubling message meant for email internet delivery offered:

*"Your Topic! Your deadline! Your subject!
Best Price Quote! Your happiness!
Best Solution. Guaranteed satisfaction.
100% Paypal payment security for your money.
We deliver your assignments before your deadline- Every time!"*

CAA will receive guests to better understand this challenge to academic honesty.

- The committee has a meeting tomorrow, November 7th.

Amendments and Bylaws Committee – Erin Labbie submitted the following written report:

- Amendments and Bylaws previously submitted a resolution to amend the Charter to create a new Senate Standing Committee to accommodate consistent representation from BGSU at the Ohio Faculty Council. The Senate is being asked to vote on this document today.
- Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13 at 11am in the Senate Conference Room.
- As always, if you have questions or new business for our consideration and deliberation, please do let us know.

Michael Buerger welcomed Kerry Fan as a new member on behalf of A & B Committee colleagues.

Committee on Committees – Chair Scott Magelssen submitted the following written report:

- Com Com is pleased to report that it has helped fill nearly all the vacancies for Senate standing committees and University committees. Vacancies remaining from last spring include a faculty from Health and Human Services on Fiscal Affairs Committee. In the meantime, a new vacancy recently opened up on the Faculty Development committee (one year replacement).
- We have appointed members to the ad hoc committee on Senate Mission/Vision. These are: Laura Lengel, Sheri Wells-Jensen, Patricia Kubow, Andrew Pelletier, John Folkins. They'll be in touch with their findings and recommendations. In the meantime, if you have suggestions for the committee, I'm sure they'll be open to them.
- Com Com's continuing business is to help streamline the process for filling committee vacancies, and it expects to recommend some best practices later in the academic year, including voting for representatives on standing and university committees earlier in the year and asking that each committee meet before the end of the year and elect its chair for the upcoming year (and to let Com Com know before we all go away for the summer).

Committee on Professional Affairs – No Report

Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee – No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Inclusive Early Childhood Proposal Presenters Wooldridge and Shinew reviewed the genesis of the proposal, its advantages, and concerns they have heard. They entertained questions.

The proposal passed with a vote of 55 for, 2 against, and 2 abstentions.

Ohio Faculty Council Chair Earley reviewed the purpose of this *Charter* addition with language proposed by the Amendments and Bylaws Committee. After a brief discussion, acceptance was moved and seconded. [The final tally of 53 votes for, 2 against, and 4 abstentions was announced after adjournment.]

Policy Committee Revisions and BGP Proposal Vice Provost Sue Houston presented a summary of 1) the BGP Curriculum proposal to meet OBOR guidelines for transfers and general education requirements and 2) the following three policy changes recommended by a summer committee and reviewed by CAA,

Undergraduate Council, and SEC. (The policy committee Chair, Geoff Howes, had a conflict and was unable to be at the Senate meeting.)

- Grade Appeals
- W/WF Policy
- Guest Students Under 16 Credit Hour Limit

After a question and answer period, Dr. Houston thanked senators for their questions and comments and agreed to convey all input to the committee.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS/SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None were raised.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:04.

NOTE: Senate meetings are open to the public. [Supplemental materials supporting proposed action item\(s\) are sent to Senators only.](#) Senators arriving after roll call are asked to report to the Secretary prior to the end of the meeting. Please use a microphone when addressing the body. Senators are expected to stay through adjournment.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth J. Wood, Faculty Senate Secretary.