

FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES

April 2, 2013
2:30 – 4:30 P.M.

Assembly Room
McFall Center

ABSENT: Anguiano, Buerger, Klein, Larsen, Longmore.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Earley called the meeting to order at 2:30.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Chair of the Faculty Senate, Mark Earley

OFC. Chair Earley first called attention to the handout providing a draft of the Ohio Faculty Council's (OFC) resolution regarding the faculty workload language in the Governor's budget. There will be a vote on this at the 12 April 2013 OFC meeting. Earley requested that Senate get any comments on this draft to him as soon as possible so they can be conveyed to the rest of the council.

Draft Faculty Senate Mission Statement Second, he pointed out the draft of the mission statement for Faculty Senate as proposed by the ad hoc committee and SEC. Again, Earley requested any comments or feedback on this draft as soon as possible. He will forward suggestions/comments to the ad hoc committee for discussion and for a committee vote at their meeting on 30 April.

Faculty Recognition Awards Next Earley invited Senate to attend the Faculty Awards Reception to be held next Wednesday, 10 April from 4:30 – 7:00 in the small side of the BTSU Ballroom. It would be wonderful if Senate members could be there to congratulate colleagues for their excellent work.

Ferrari Reception Finally, Earley reminded Senate of two receptions. He invited everyone.

- On behalf of Administrative Staff Council (ASC) he announced that Dr. Michael Ferrari will be coming to BGSU to help celebrate ASC's 30th anniversary. A reception for Dr. Ferrari is planned for 5:00pm in the BTSU Ballroom (side B) on 3 April 2013.
- Before the final Faculty Senate meeting for the academic year on April 30, there will be a reception. Details will be forthcoming. Senators are encouraged to save the date.

Reordering the Agenda Chair Earley asked for and was granted permission to reorder the agenda so that elections could be conducted before other new business.

President Mary Ellen Mazey President Mazey gave the following updates:

State Update:

- The state budget is in the Ohio House of Representatives. Representative Brown has proposed bridge funding for the first year of the budget (2013-14).
- The Inter University Council supports increased funding for the co-op and internship program.
- The 2 percent tuition cap remains, and BGSU is projected to take a \$2.7 million dollar decrease in State Share of Instruction in the first year of the two-year budget proposal, but second year funding will improve for BGSU.

- The wording about faculty workload in the state budget is problematic and will likely be removed or amended. Currently, it states that if a university changes its workload policy, then it must add an additional course to each faculty member's workload.

Collective Bargaining Update We are all pleased that we have reached a tentative agreement on the contract. A thank you goes to both bargaining teams led by chief negotiators Dr. Pauken and Dr. Archer and their respective team members. Also, I am very appreciative of Provost Rogers's role especially in the final month of contract negotiations.

Higher Learning Commission Re-accreditation Visit

Please review the assurance section and the quality initiative plan prepared for the HLC visit on April 15th and 16th. This is a very important visit to the entire university, and I hope we can all discuss our accomplishments and future vision with the team.

Open Forums I encourage you to participate in three open forums scheduled for this month. The first one will be April 10 at 2:30 p.m. and will focus on the revised strategic plan, the second one will be April 18 at 10:30 a.m. and will focus on the master plan update, and the third is scheduled for April 25 at 3:00 p.m. and will focus on the University Budget.

Personnel Update Finally, we continue to move forward on two searches. First, the candidates for the Vice President of University Advancement should be on campus for interviews the last two weeks of April, and secondly, Sheri Stoll, Vice President for Finance has agreed to chair the search for the new Athletic Director since Greg Christopher will be leaving for Xavier University.

Provost/VPAA, Rodney Rogers Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Rodney Rogers, gave three updates:

BG-P Revisions Appreciation is due for the hard work of all involved in BG-P revisions, including the Undergraduate Council as well as Dr. Nelson-Beene, Dr. Roberts, and the BG-P Committee.

Forthcoming Advising Report The April 30 Senate meeting will feature recommendations for enhancing academic advising at BGSU.

Personnel The search for a Health and Human Services Dean has been re-opened.

He then ceded the remainder of his time to Vice Provost for Academic Operations and Assessment, Joe Frizado, who offered details about the North Central Association Higher Learning Commission's upcoming visit to the main campus and to Firelands campus.

North Central Association HLC Visit, Joe Frizado

- Timetable Dr. Frizado explained the timetable for BGSU's response to the new HLC re-accreditation process and urged anyone seeking more information (such as the names of our accreditation team and their affiliations or explanation of criteria or explanation of various facets of the re-accreditation process) to consult the website at www.bgsu.edu/offices/ir/hlc
- He then invited Senate to attend any of the three following public forums geared toward HLC criteria or either of the two drop-in sessions:
 - Focus on Teaching/Learning (criteria 3 and 4) on **Monday 4/15** at 3:15 PM in BTSU room 207
 - Drop-in session (any topic) **Monday 4/15** at 3:15 PM in BTSU room 307

- Focus on Mission and Integrity (criteria 1 and 2) on **Tuesday 4/16** at 9:15 AM in BTSU room 207
- Focus on Resources/Institutional Priorities (criterion 5) **Tuesday 4/16** at 10:15 AM in BTSU room 207
- Drop-in session (any topic) **Tuesday 4/16** at 9:15 AM in BTSU room 306
- Dr. Frizado concluded by sketching out next steps after the site visit:
 - The HLC team does not notify BGSU of its decision immediately at the conclusion of the site visit but writes and submits its report after the visit.
 - BGSU has a brief period for questioning any apparent factual errors.
 - HLC announces results – whether BGSU has been re-accredited or not and the concerns to be addressed if any conditions are imposed.

Graduate Student Senate Representative (GSS), David Sleasman President Sleasman had two updates:

- Shanklin awards are scheduled for April 18.
- GSS elections were held. LingXiao Ge is the president-elect and Rachel Robinson is the Student Affairs representative.

Undergraduate Student Government Representative (USG), Alex Solis

- USG is preparing to transition to next year's administration. They had their last general assembly meeting and elections are going on this week.
- President Solis urged Senate to encourage undergraduates to vote and to recommend any outstanding students they may know of for USG.

BGSU-FA Liaison, Lawrence Coates

Contract Negotiations Dr. Coates reported that the union was pleased that fact finding was avoided, and that the contract represented a good compromise. He also recognized the members of the negotiating teams by name: The BGSU FA's team: Candace Archer (Chief Negotiator), James Evans, Alberto Gonzalez, Christina Guenther, and Joel O'Dorisio. The administration's team: Pat Pauken (Chief Negotiator), Bill Balzer, Julie Barnes, Gary Lee, and Bill Mathis. He thanked Provost Rogers's for his most necessary engagement at the end of the process. And he recognized the work of the mediator, BGSU alumnus Rob Stein.

Next Steps Coates discussed the steps that will follow. The contract has been distributed, and a meeting for the membership has been called. The exact time and procedure of voting will be announced at the meeting.

Q and A: Coates was asked whether one could sign a dues authorization form at the meeting and vote on the contract. He announced at the end of the Faculty Senate meeting that, as previously announced, one had to become a member by April 1, 2013, to vote on the contract.

Retiree Representative, Tom Hern No report.

REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

Committee on Academic Affairs – David Border

- CAA reviewed and sent forward to SEC, with the committee's support, the Graduate Certificate in Online K-12 Teaching and Learning and Master of Science in Analytics proposals.

- CAA reviewed and sent forward to SEC, with the committee's support, the proposal to modify the BG Perspective/General Education curriculum.
- The committee meets next on April 3, 2013. We look forward to receiving new business and reports from representative constituencies.

Amendments and Bylaws Committee (A & B) – Erin Labbie

Charter Amendments Regarding Grade Appeals and Class Attendance Although Amendments and Bylaws Committee has submitted the *Charter* amendments regarding grade appeals and excused absences to SEC twice in the past two and a half months, and has met with CAA as well as different members of Student Affairs, A & B has been asked now to meet with the Graduate College to discuss the particulars of the policies and to address the items contained in the amendments with respect to how proposed revisions would apply to graduate students. (In actuality, the policies are not vastly different from those that are currently in place, however, they do give more liberty to faculty with regard to final decisions about individual grades and class work, as they should.)

A & B awaits a response regarding a meeting time to assess any changes that might be necessary in those documents. Other committees have now asked to review the documents again before proposed *Charter* revisions go back to SEC and before they are approved for a Senate vote. This is a good example of “Shared government.”

The *Charter* document is meant to be broad, vague, and overarching, while individual documents like the catalog and handbook indicate more particular details. So far, it sounds like the questions at hand are intended for catalog and handbook discussion and not for the *Charter*. The *Charter* is a living document like the *Constitution* and the Senate can be a senate that is productive or prohibitive in amending *Charter* content or language.

Current Role of the Charter This is a good time to remind Senators that the *Charter* is the document that determines policy at the university, and is overseen by the board of trustees, with the exception of those items that are covered in the Union Contract. The items that we are addressing are in regards to student-faculty decisions, and they are in part B of the charter, which includes parts of the *Charter* that were reinstated by President Mazey and the Board of Trustees upon the beginning of her term at BGSU.

All Faculty Senate procedures need to follow the *Charter* and Roberts Rules of Order. All other Senate committee meetings also need to follow Roberts Rules of Order in order to follow Senate procedures. With the exception of matters covered by the union contract, the *Academic Charter* is the governing document for the University. Catalogs, handbooks, and other items need to be in alignment with the *Charter*.

Future Role of the Charter Along with other members of the Senate leadership, BGSU Faculty Association representatives, and the University administration, I [Chair Labbie] will be a part of a committee to discuss the future of the *Charter*. If BGSU continues to think of the *Charter* as a living document, then that helps to maintain a long term sense of academic values and university reflection. However, if the *Charter* becomes passé, then the university structure will be redefined. In the meantime, my job as Amendments and Bylaws Committee Chair is to communicate with you; and I am here to do that.

Committee on Committees – Scott Magelssen

Committee Elections Com Com worked in the intervening weeks since the March meeting to prepare for standing committee elections, including, but not limited to filling out the nominations slate for the 4/2/13 ballot. This was an effort to help guarantee that the standing committees are filled out by the end of the 2012-2013 academic year, per the *Charter*.

Filling out the committees early will enable them to meet and elect a chair before summer break, so that they can hit the ground running in the fall with the business of governance. This also helps Com/Com out tremendously, since in recent years the bulk of Com/Com's fall work has been plugging committee vacancies not filled in the previous springs' elections.

Recognition of ComCom Members Magelssen formally recognized colleagues of the Committee on Committees for their sometimes grueling work this year: Sheri Wells-Jensen, Ann Darke, Kathy Hoff, Lowe McManus, Cindy Hendricks, and Juan Bes. He also extended very special thanks to Senate Office Administrator Pam Pinson for all her time, wisdom, and assistance in the business of Com/Com.

Committee on Professional Affairs – Lowe McManus and Bill O'Brien The committee has not met recently but is preparing to spring into action.

Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee – Mike Schulz The committee has met several times over the semester and looks forward to briefings at two additional meetings. A full report will be forthcoming after those meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chair and Secretary Elections: Committee on Committees Chair, Scott Magelssen

- No additional nominations from the floor were made.
- Julie Haught was elected Vice Chair/Chair Elect and Elizabeth (Bess) Wood was re-elected Faculty Senate Secretary.

Senate Standing Committee Election: Com Com Chair, Scott Magelssen

- Additional nominations from the floor were added to the ballot for Senate standing committee members.
- Nominees for uncontested memberships were elected.
- ComCom Chair Magelssen announced the results of votes where more than one candidate was running for the same committee position.
 - New Amendments & Bylaws members, Mark Earley and Arne Spohr
 - New Financial Affairs Advisory members, Charles Stelle, Susan Nelson
 - Ohio Faculty Council member, Ann Darke

Innovative Teaching Group: John Folkins

- Dr. Folkins briefly reviewed the work and accomplishments of the faculty group that focused on innovative teaching last year and this academic year.
- He also called attention to the flyer calling for presenters and facilitators for the Innovative Teaching Group campus-wide event. It is scheduled for the McFall Gallery on 25 April 2013 from 3-5 PM, followed by a wine and cheese reception sponsored by Faculty Senate.

Program Change - BG Perspective: Donna Nelson-Beene and Sheila Roberts

Nelson-Beene (BG-P Director) and Roberts (Chair of the BG-P Committee) listed the following primary goals for revision of the General Education curriculum at BGSU to ensure that the Gen Ed courses offered are the best possible ones:

- Courses grounded in appropriate learning outcomes
- Courses featuring active learning
- Courses with effective assessment mechanisms

They also mentioned that proposed changes (detailed on the handout) will bring BGSU into greater compliance with OBOR requirements for transfer modules; and they noted that each Gen Ed course has been mapped to provide a wide variety of cognitive skills.

After posing several questions, Senate approved this Curriculum Modification Request by a vote of 35 in favor of endorsing it; 11 voting not to endorse; and 5 abstentions.

Graduate Certificate in Online K-12 Teaching & Learning: Sherri Horner This Curriculum Modification request, forwarded by SEC, was presented as an information item.

New Program - Master of Science in Analytics (MSA): Arthur Yeh

Dr. Yeh identified and defined the three types of analytics encompassed by the proposed MS in Analytics:

- Descriptive Analytics wherein data are used to discover, identify, and describe trends, patterns, and anomalies.
- Predictive Analytics which seeks to forecast what might happen and to guide efforts to target specific groups of people most interested in or most affected by future outcomes.
- Prescriptive Analytics which discipline develops models to produce better outcomes (for example, optimal airline ticket pricing).

Yeh outlined advantages to developing such a degree at BGSU in these terms:

- The University 's growing emphasis on graduate education and especially curricula that are inter-disciplinary in nature
- State and national demand for people trained in this academic specialty
- The scarcity of comparable degree programs currently available at peer institutions
- The pool of potential students to recruit

In addition, he reviewed the proposed administrative structure for this degree program as outlined in the Curriculum Modification request, noting that initially the director would be a half-time appointment. Other administrative partners will be the Graduate College, the MSA Program Committee, and an advisory board external to BGSU.

After posing several questions, Senate approved this Curriculum Modification Request by a vote of 40 in favor of endorsing it; 1 voting not to endorse; and no abstentions.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS/SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Provost for Governance and Faculty relations, Patrick Pauken, urged Senate to attend and participate in the Dance Marathon.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth J. Wood, Faculty Senate Secretary