

FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES

April 30, 2013
2:30 – 4:30 P.M.

Assembly Room
McFall Center

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

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

ABSENT: Anguiano, Callen, Edminster, Larsen, Meek, Mills, Stakhanova, Wilson, Wojtkiewicz, Mazey.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION: Jeffrey Rybak – Presented by Kathy Hoff and Kerry Fan
Faculty Senate appreciated the brief reminiscences about Jeffrey Rybak as well as sentiments and statements expressed in the reading of the memorial resolution.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chair of the Faculty Senate, Mark Earley

Charter The Ad Hoc Committee on the Future of the Charter (with representation from the faculty, the university administration, the BGSU Faculty Association, and the Amendments and Bylaws Committee) will meet 5/1/13.

Ohio Faculty Council (OFC) Since language regarding an increase in faculty workload has been removed from the text of the governor's budget, the OFC is holding back its resolution opposing the language pending possible re-introduction of this issue to budget documents.

President's Communication (Board of Trustees Chair, William Primrose III)

President Mazey being out of town on University business, she ceded her time on the agenda to the Board of Trustees Chair. Chair Primrose prefaced his remarks by alluding to significant progress made this academic year. He urged senators to help maintain this momentum, citing the following as examples:

- Negotiation of a contract with the faculty association.
- Finalizing the search for a Vice President for University Advancement.
- Starting the search to replace the Director of Athletics.
- Forward motion in implementation of the Master Plan for upgrading/replacing facilities, including constructing a prototype active learning classroom on the second floor of Olscamp.
- Preparations for launching the new capital campaign.
- Pending BOT approval, planning for implementation of the new Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Intelligence facility on campus.
- Raising the average ACT score of the entering freshman class.
- Having increased the engagement of Trustees by assigning them to a specific college.

Chair Primrose then posed three questions to Faculty Senate:

- 1) What does Senate suggest that we can do to move BGSU further forward academically?
- 2) In order to keep the cost to students low, what can the Trustees and the University do to be even more efficient and effective?

- 3) As higher education begins to adopt new ways to accomplish teaching and learning, how can BGSU remove barriers that would keep faculty from getting where they want to go and thus keep BGSU competitive with peer institutions?

Provost/VPAA , Rodney Rogers

Provost/VPAA Rogers conveyed President Mazey's warm regards in her absence. He had an extensive list of acknowledgements to individuals and groups who contributed to accomplishments this past academic year.

Higher Learning Commission (HLC) The efforts of both those who made preparations for the onsite visit and those who participated in the open forums and other parts of the process are much appreciated. The impression given in the exit interview was very positive. Following an opportunity for BGSU to respond to the draft report, the Commission will issue its decision and recommendations regarding re-accrediting Bowling Green State University in June 2013.

Board of Trustees' May Meeting Dr. Rogers reminded Senate of the pending 5/3/13 Board vote on the proposed contract with BGSU Faculty Association and said all should look forward to congratulating those whose promotion or tenure will be voted on at the May BOT meeting.

Summer Focus of Activities A significant amount of preparation for the next AY will take place over the summer.

- Next year's innovative teaching grant awards will soon be announced.
- The BGP Committee will continue its work.
- Final planning for enrolling incoming students in linked courses will be done.
- Three faculty support services for pedagogy and technology (the Center for Teaching and Learning, Center for Online and Blended Learning, and the Academic Resource Center) soon will be combined under a common leadership structure in a single location.

Provost Rogers also mentioned the following noteworthy accomplishments.

- The academic profile of students enrolling in the Fall shows a slight increase and gradually will be further elevated – both SAT scores and high school GPA's . BGSU will be thinking more holistically about the acceptance process. This means focusing on identifying attributes and characteristics indicative of potential for academic success as well as supporting students throughout their years at the University.
- One new graduate degree will be launched, the Master's in Analytics. In addition, a group continues to work on a degree in Geo-spatial Technology.
- The selection of a common read book for the City of Bowling Green and BGSU will shortly be announced. Update: *Born to Run* was selected.
- Faculty, staff, and city residents who organized the anti-racism initiative known as Not in Our Town (NIOT) had a standing-room-only audience for the first event. Follow-up programming designed to set clear expectations of appreciation for the multicultural environment at BGSU and behavior demonstrating BGSU's commitment to inclusion are being planned for incoming students in the Fall.

The Provost/VPAA then responded to questions about NTTF, scholarship funds, academic profiles of entering students, enrollment goals, non-renewal of some one-year contracts, metrics for counting student population, and reasons for students not returning to the university.

Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Representative: David Sleasman

- The April 18th Shanklin colloquium and graduate student research awards ceremony was well-received. GSS plans to continue the practice begun this year of inviting past Shanklin award recipients to attend this colloquium.
- After discussions about the cost to graduate degree recipients of purchasing or renting regalia in both the President's Panel and in the Graduate Student Senate's general assembly, a scholarship has been established to support students in need of financial help for regalia.

Undergraduate Student Government (USG) Representative, Alex Solis Current President Alex Solis and Vice President David Neely were elected for another term. Over the summer USG officers will engage in goal setting and giving input to University processes such as general education reform and Master Plan facilities upgrades.

BGSU-FA Liaison, Lawrence Coates

- BGSU Faculty Association members approved the proposed contract by a vote of 97% in favor. Pending Board of Trustees approval, the contract will take effect May 1, 2013. Sandra Faulkner has been elected grievance officer. Coates reminded Senate that negotiating a contract was just the first step and that administering the contract will also involve considerable effort.
- Coates noted that the Foundation has approached BGSU-FA about appointing a representative to its Board.
- In closing, Coates expressed the hope that University administration will take positive action with regard to faculty whose contract was not renewed. High quality faculty should be retained when possible and, he maintained, ideally should be given hiring preference when new faculty positions are approved.

Retiree Representative No report

REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

Committee on Academic Affairs – David Border

The committee for AY 2013-2014 is better staffed than in prior years and elected officers at its April 3rd meeting. CAA looks forward to its Fall academic workload and seeks questions and concerns in order to be a help to the Senate.

At its April 17th meeting, two guests, CIO John Ellinger, in person, and Bookstore Director, Jeff Nelson, via phone, gave the committee an update on the Ebook initiative and on the contract with CourseSmart that was recently executed.

Amendments and Bylaws Committee – Erin Labbie

Amendments and Bylaws Chair, Erin Labbie, and the Graduate Student Senate representative to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, David Sleasman, met with Peggy Booth of the Graduate College to discuss proposed *Charter* amendments regarding grade appeals and excused absences as they might apply to graduate students.

The Amendments and Bylaws Committee subsequently met to discuss minutes of the meeting that was held with the Graduate College. In the near future A & B plans to address issues raised in that meeting insofar as they are within A & B's purview.

Given that A&B is in communication with the Ad Hoc Committee on the Future of the *Charter*, which will have its first meeting Wednesday 5/1/13, its work is on hold until it is clear what will need to be modified to meet legal provisions covered by the new union contract, and to determine what portions of the *Charter* are still in force.

Committee on Committees – Ann Darke for Scott Magelssen Senate committees and university standing committees were reminded to elect a chair either in a face-to-face meeting or via email in preparation for commencement of the work of Fall semester. UPDATE: Several committees have sent notification of their respective chairs for 2013/2014.

Committee on Professional Affairs (CPA) – Lowe McManus and Bill O'Brien Next academic year the CPA will focus on 1) the status and function of non-tenured teaching faculty (NTTF) and 2) exploring what courses, students, and professors are best-suited to online learning.

Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee (FAA) – Mike Schulz Mr. Schulz reviewed presentations made to the FAA over the academic year about financial resources and needs and strategies intended to place BGSU in the best position in the short term and the longer term. The committee heard from Vice President Stoll, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Rogers, Vice president for Enrollment Management Colom, Senior Associate Vice President and Dean of Students Carr, and Chief Communications Officer Gerrow, among others.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

Digital Cultures in the Age of Big Data: Jolie Sheffer Ms. Sheffer called attention to the upcoming summer institute (May 13 – 17) to foster collaboration in exploring and expanding the role of the Arts, Humanities, and the qualitative Social Sciences in an era when data is increasingly important. Targeted toward faculty and graduate students, the institute will feature keynote speakers N. Katherine Hayles (Duke) and Lev Manovich (CUNY).

Clean Air and Smoking Policy Development Committee - Draft Policy: Peter Blass Dr. Blass related the history of the Clean Air and Smoking Policy initiative at BGSU. Handouts included 1) the proposed draft which has been reviewed by President Mazey and her cabinet and is slated to be on the agenda of the June 2013 Board of Trustees meeting, as well as 2) a map of designated parking lot areas where smoking will be permitted when the policy is implemented in 2014. He entertained a number of questions and comments.

Passing of the Gavel Although Faculty Senate officers (Parliamentarian, Vice Chair, and Secretary) had been recognized in a prior SEC meeting, Chair Earley repeated words of praise and thanks to each for service to Faculty Senate and to the University over the past academic year. He also commended the hard work and accomplishments of Senate committees and thanked the many persons who took time to make informational presentations to Senate. Lastly, Chair Earley thanked all senators for their attendance at Faculty Senate and for their civil and relevant discourse on a number of topics.

He then passed the gavel to the incoming Chair of Faculty Senate, Sheri Wells-Jensen. Chair Wells-Jensen welcomed Julie Haught as Vice Chair/Chair elect, called for Issues and Concerns, and adjourned the meeting.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS/SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS None.

ADJOURNMENT 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth J. Wood, Faculty Senate Secretary