

SEC/VPAA JOINT CONFERENCE MINUTES

April 9, 2013
2:30 – 4:30 pm

Senate Conference Room
140 McFall Center

PRESIDER: Vice Chair, Sheri Wells-Jensen presided.

PRESENT: David Border, Michael Buerger, Mark Earley, Rachelle Hippler, Paul Johnson, Andrew Pelletier, Sarah Rainey, Rodney Rogers, David Sleasman, Sheri Wells-Jensen, Elizabeth Wood

VPAA'S REPORT: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Name Change for College of Technology: Rodney Rogers

The *Charter* is silent about changing the name of a college, which happens very infrequently. Precedent from the past several decades has been for the faculty involved to weigh in and for the University administration to get input from the college dean, Dean's Council, the Provost, the President and finally to request approval from the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Rogers reviewed the process to date for getting input from the College of Technology and from the Dean's Council and invited SEC to comment and/or ask questions. SEC focused on the top two new versions of the college name that emerged from the potential fourteen options for renaming the college during the preliminary consultation process with College stakeholders and the Deans' Council.

- The goal in renaming is to represent in the new name the broad scope of programs within the College of Technology, incorporating traditional strengths in VCT and other technologies in addition highlighting programmatic and curricular emphases on various aspects of Architecture and Engineering.
- Dr. Border from the College of Technology was able to speak to the strong points of each of the proposed two new names and to clarify the rationale for using the phrase "applied engineering" instead of simply the term "engineering".

The Provost/VPAA for Academic Affairs thanked SEC for its perspectives on the re-naming options under consideration. UPDATE: In its 5/3/13 meeting, the Board of

Trustees approved changing the name of the college to The College of Technology, Architecture, and Applied Engineering.

Proposed Updates to BGSU Strategic Plan: Rodney Rogers Dr. Rogers explained the view of BGSU's strategic plan as a living document and emphasized the need to update the plan's goals and strategies (for example, lending greater emphasis to diversity as a core value and incorporating a reference to graduate education).

He also emphasized the need to move toward more measurable and more-clearly articulated goals. Strategic plan goals will be an excellent tool with which to communicate BGSU's strategic direction to internal and external constituencies.

Next steps envisioned are developing actions and corresponding metrics at the collegiate and department/unit levels.

Memorial Resolution: Jeff Rybak SEC approved this tribute to a distinguished faculty member for the next Senate meeting agenda.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

- Charter Role Committee: This committee has not yet been convened. Several SEC members expressed the sentiment that faculty who are not under contract would not be willing to work over the summer. UPDATE: The committee met 5/1/13 for a preliminary discussion of the process of reconciling the Charter with the BGSU Faculty Association contract.

Parliamentarian Border read aloud a *Charter* passage stating that Senate officers and sometimes the full SEC membership are expected to act on behalf of Senate when business requires action before the advent of the next academic year. The majority of SEC members were not persuaded of the validity of this *Charter* passage, given BGSU-FA negotiated contract language.

- Urgency of grade appeals and absence revision language: Secretary Wood gave an update on behalf of the A & B Committee, which has met with GSS President Sleasman and a representative of the Graduate College and hopes to return suggested *Charter* revisions encompassing these issues by Fall semester of the 2013/2014 academic year.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted Elizabeth (Bess) Wood,
Faculty Senate Secretary