

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 24, 2013
2:30 – 4:30 pm

Senate Conference Room
140 McFall Center

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John W Folkins; Lingxiao Ge; Rachelle Marie Kristof Hippler; Paul Andrew Johnson; Joel O'Dorizio; Andrew John Pelletier; Sarah Anne Rainey; Alex Dominic Solis; Sheri Beth Wells-Jensen; Elizabeth Jean Wood.

GUESTS: Allen Rogel, Amendments & Bylaws Committee Co-chair

PRESIDER: Chair, Sheri Wells-Jensen

OLD BUSINESS:

Faculty Senate Staffing Update:

SEC received a copy of the letter of resignation from Pam Pinson, formerly Faculty Senate Office Manager who was recently re-assigned to the Office of Equity and Diversity. The effective date of Pinson's resignation is 10/4/13.

Senate officers commented on their meeting with the Provost and Pat Pauken to determine the appropriate level of clerical/administrative support for Faculty Senate, the approximate number of hours per week and the appropriate classification of the professional staff member needed to facilitate effective FS operations. A subsequent meeting has been scheduled.

As well as enumerating FS needs and exchanging perceptions about tasks and responsibilities that now fall within the purview of the CBA rather than to Senate, the 9/19/13 discussion included:

- Brainstorming about the possibility of the FS Office support person assuming some responsibility for the Academic Honesty process.
- Exploring the option of inviting Provosts and current or former Senate officers from sister campuses to BGSU for a discussion of Senate's role. Invitees would be from institutions that have transitioned from an exclusively Senate environment to sharing responsibility for faculty issues and concerns between Senate and a faculty bargaining unit. The purpose of such a meeting would be to reach common understandings about the appropriate role and responsibilities of BGSU's Faculty Senate in the current union environment by analyzing the experience of academic peers.

Location of Senate Office Suite:

Chair Wells-Jensen conveyed the Administration's offer to re-locate FS from University Hall temporary premises to either the Student Union fourth floor or a space in Olscamp near the Center for Faculty Excellence. The sense of the meeting was that being in Olscamp near other services for faculty would make sense and would be the better of the two options. UPDATE: Provost Rogers has agreed to get the process of re-locating FS to Olscamp started.

Ad Hoc Faculty Workload Committee: Wells-Jensen gathered suggestions from SEC as to potential representatives on this new committee. The intent is to maximize diversity among members without making scheduling and other committee tasks unwieldy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Honors College *Charter* language formulation:

Amendments and Bylaws Committee co-chair, Rogel, explained A & B's questions, as outlined in a 9/24/13 email to SEC members and FS Officers, which are in need of clarification before the committee can begin its work. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. How will the Honors College address, mediate, or respond to student appeals?
2. How will the Dean of the Honors College be selected and evaluated based on the CBA legislation in Article 10.3?
3. Does article 10.3 of the *Charter* (Definition and Composition of a School) need to be expanded in accordance with article 34.3 of the CBA?
4. With only a single full time employee, how is representation at the Graduate Council and Undergraduate Council going to be determined?
5. What office or entity will be responsible for drafting and maintaining the Honors College governing handbook and other college documents?
6. What measures should be articulated to clarify that faculty positions will not be joint appointments?
7. Are there other as yet unarticulated visions for this College that should be considered and potentially incorporated into the Charter or CBA language?

Discussion ensued. Rogel affirmed that A & B will solicit current policies and procedures from the Honors College interim dean. Chair Wells/Jensen agreed to provide a written charge to the committee addressing concerns expressed in the aforementioned email. Vice Chair O'Dorisio agreed to bring the matter of a potential CBA modification pertinent to selection and evaluation of an honors college dean to the BGSU-FA Executive Council for consideration.

Discussion of Faculty Senate's Role in a Union Environment:

SEC discussed what it would like to see covered in a discussion like that suggested by the Provost to SEC officers, favoring a meeting open to all interested parties and

perhaps employing a panel format. Wells-Jensen agreed to take the initiative in setting up such an exchange of ideas.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

Secretary Wood solicited questions to submit for the upcoming President's Panel meeting of campus constituent groups.

USG President Solis expressed ongoing student concern about the need for updates to the Academic Honesty Policy, standardization of penalties, and better communication among academic units and Student Affairs entities responsible for administering the policy. This matter was brought last academic year to SEC and to the Amendments and Bylaws Committee but not completely resolved.

Rather than convening a new ad hoc committee and potentially delaying resolution of this long-standing issue even further, SEC advised reviewing the progress made last AY and working through remaining issues. As a first step, A & B Co-chair Rogel volunteered to locate and send SEC the latest draft of recommended *Charter* language about Academic Honesty Policy from A & B.

SENATE AGENDA:

- *Charter* amendments mandated by the CBA.
- Presentation by the campus United Way campaign chair.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted Elizabeth J. Wood, Faculty Senate Secretary