

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

September 25, 2012
2:30 – 4:30 pm

Senate Conference Room
140 McFall Center

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

CHAIR'S REPORT: Chair Earley gave highlights from the Senate portion of the 9/24/12 Constituents' Meeting, which is a preview of the remarks that faculty, administrative staff, and classified staff governing bodies intend to present at the next Board of Trustees meeting. He mentioned the following points to be included in his remarks:

- Bringing Senate's work review of standing University committees to a conclusion.
- Addressing many of the Provost's academic year priorities mentioned in the 9/4/12 Senate meeting.
- Amendments and Bylaws Committee's forthcoming recommendation regarding Charter language clarifying the period of time after which committee matters need to be moved forward.
- Configuration of an ad hoc committee to articulate mission and vision statements for Senate.
- Commending the results of implementing the General Education renewal process led by Craig Zirbel.
- Planning for a survey of faculty morale/working climate, most likely sponsored jointly by Senate and BGSU-FA.
- Separation of the faculty years-of-service ceremony from the Senate, Presidential, and Provost award ceremony for the first time this year.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS :

Committee on Committees' (ComCom's) Recommendation The request for a committee name change from "Student Publications Committee" to "Student Media Advisory Committee" was discussed. After noting that ComCom saw no problem with such a change and discussion of what might be included in the purview of this committee, a motion to accept the name change carried.

Amendments and Bylaws Recommendation (A & B) Draft of new Charter language regarding a time limit for matters to be moved forward from committees was presented. Following discussion of the intent of this recommendation and of A & B's deliberations, a motion to place this recommendation on the next Senate agenda carried.

Memorial Resolution A memorial resolution for John Pommersheim was discussed. SEC voted to place this matter on the next Senate agenda.

Faculty Morale Survey Chair Earley asked SEC for their opinions about surveying faculty morale in the absence of the Senate Faculty Welfare Committee (which was dissolved when collective bargaining was

authorized for BGSU faculty). SEC members felt that the extent of morale issues, the basis for them, and the possible remedies for low faculty morale should be investigated.

Earley accepted several suggestion: 1) that the lines of responsibility and areas of overlap between BGSU- FA and Senate be explored and clarified; 2) that various individuals and offices on campus be queried about previous faculty opinion surveys; and 3) that similar surveys undertaken by sister institutions (Kent, Miami, and OU) be examined for guidance in what areas the survey might cover and how best to formulate questions.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS: None raised.

SENATE AGENDA: The agenda was approved.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.