

## **SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

September 3, 2013  
2:30 – 4:30 pm

Senate Conference Room  
140 McFall Center

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Amelia Sangenetta Carr; John W Folkins; Lingxiao Ge; Julie A Haught; Rachelle Marie Kristof Hippler; Kathryn S. Hoff; Paul Andrew Johnson; Andrew John Pelletier; Sarah Anne Rainey; Alex Dominic Solis; Sheri Beth Wells-Jensen; Elizabeth Jean Wood.

**GUESTS:** Patrick Pauken

**PRESIDER:** Chair, Sheri Wells-Jensen

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Faculty Senate Reception: This is scheduled for 2:00 PM on the date of the first Faculty Senate meeting.

Faculty Senate Meeting Location and Protocols for Discussion: After discussion about possible alternative venues for FS meetings, the sense of SEC was that the symbolic value of staying in McFall Center offsets acknowledged deficits in acoustics.

SEC agreed that asking senators to state their names when speaking would aid both in recognizing colleagues at meetings and in transcribing the recording if that becomes necessary.

Faculty Senate Staffing Update: Chair Wells-Jensen secured agreement for FS to have support from Pam Pinson half days during the current week.

Resolution: Faculty Senate Staffing and Office Operations: Kathy Hoff agreed to present this resolution to Faculty Senate on behalf of SEC.

Resolution: OED Office Location: Sarah Rainey agreed to present this resolution to Faculty Senate on behalf of SEC.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Committee Appointments: Chair Wells-Jensen accepted Dr. Sherry Sullivan, *Management*, as volunteer to represent faculty, along with Elizabeth Wood, on the Sick Leave Bank Committee and will notify Patrick Kelly of that decision.

Since no SEC member volunteered to serve as liaison to the Administrative Staff Council, Chair Wells-Jensen will ask Faculty Senate members about interest in serving in that capacity.

Leadership for General Education Discussions: SEC supports having Steve Cady serve as interim discussion leader in Craig Zirbel's absence.

Ad Hoc Workload Committee: Chair Wells-Jensen received SEC's endorsement for constituting an ad hoc committee to study faculty workload issues with appropriate representation from various faculty perspectives. BGSU-FA has issued statements about faculty workload and representatives from all colleges have been working with the Provost to articulate workload documents.

Charter Amendments Mandated by the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA): Committee members, Wells-Jensen and Pauken, reviewed the narrative summary of *Charter* changes prepared for SEC and for Senate. Apart from renumbering as necessary and adding some bridge language, the only *Charter* updates made are those mandated by the CBA. A community in the BlackBoard learning management system has been created for review and for gathering comments on these draft documents. Pauken has enrolled all current senators in that community.

Pauken explained that since the CBA sets out more precise language and more consistent expectations for faculty performance, the *Charter* must be updated to excise portions superseded by the CBA. Regardless of when *Charter* updates get approved by Faculty Senate and by the Board of Trustees, the CBA is the legal authority regarding contractual matter for faculty effective as of the dates it was signed.

Wells-Jensen observed that in ratifying the contract, faculty have already voted in favor of *Charter* changes recommended by the committee. In addition, she stated that, rather than anything having been lost from the *Charter*, any portions of it that were excised can be found in the CBA text.

Changes in Faculty Senate Officers: Although electing to finish her term as a senator, Julie Haught has resigned as Vice Chair of Senate.

## **ISSUES AND CONCERNS:**

A SEC member asked whether there is any foundation for the rumor that faculty have not been paid for summer classes. Students have expressed concern about this issue. SEC members responded that within a given college, faculty have the option of accepting a proportion of the salary available for teaching class that lacks a full complement of students in the event that they wish to teach the class with a smaller enrollment than specified.

**SENATE AGENDA:**

- Resolution: Faculty Senate Staffing and Office Operations
- Resolution: OED Office Location
- Charter Amendments Mandated by the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)
- Vice Chair Resignation and Election of Replacement

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 4:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted Elizabeth J. Wood, Faculty Senate Secretary