

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

January 14, 2014
2:30 – 4:30 P.M.

Assembly Room
McFall Center

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Sheri Wells-Jensen called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M

ROLL CALL:

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Faculty Senate Vice Chair Joel O'Doriso, called the roll and announced a quorum.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chair of the Faculty Senate, Sheri Wells-Jensen

Faculty Senate has been asked to assist the administration in placing faculty representatives on the six Accenture committees, which will study and make recommendations based on the Accenture report.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Minor in Coaching---Adrienne Turner

Adrienne Turner provided a short introduction to, and overview of the proposed 21-credit minor in coaching. Interest is expected from a wide variety of undergraduate students who may wish to serve as referees, umpires or coaches in a range of capacities professionally and personally. As the state of Ohio increases the kinds of knowledge and certifications needed to serve as coaches, we expect this minor to be increasingly popular. Classes focus on prevention/treatment of injury, ethics, new technologies, physiology, coaching pedagogy, and leadership. The minor also includes a practicum and electives. In response to questions from the floor, it was clarified that these classes are currently not offered online.

Report from the CIO---John Ellinger

John Ellinger provided an overview of ITS projects to date including:

- Canvas: The University is moving permanently from BlackBoard to Canvas for all courses and online communities. ITS will be glad to assist in moving material from one to the other.
- Communities (such as those for student organizations and faculty groups) must also move from blackboard. The target date to have all these moved is April 30. Add-ons for Canvas include: Course Smart, Turn-it-in, online course evaluation, and NBC News Archives.
- He also noted improvements coming to advisement, which will include multi-semester scheduling and the revision of all BGSU webpages. Webpage revision should make uploading new material faster and allow the pages to be consistently updated, which will assist search engines in locating BGSU's pages.
- The Center for Faculty Excellence, located in Olscamp Hall is intended as a one-stop-shop for faculty technology needs including classroom technology.
- There will additionally be upgrades pertaining to the hiring process.
- Also, 'green' and 'blue' sheets for course modifications have been moved online.
- ALERT BG has moved from an opt-in to an opt-out system. The full report is attached.

In response to questions from the floor: It may be possible to also make solicitation and review of letter of recommendations online eventually. The concern was raised about the potential mismatch between the fact that students can schedule several semesters in advance but faculty are not given teaching assignments that far in advance. The concern was raised that in some cases, graduate students and faculty do not have the same access to software packages on campus. This is due to varying software contracts we currently hold. We could check on an individual basis about extending permissions where needed. Faculty are encouraged to contact John Ellinger directly with any questions.

COMMUNICATIONS:

USG-no report

GSS-no report

Retirees-no report

FS Liaison---Lawrence Coates:

The BGSU-FA continues to work with the administration in the areas of promotion and market adjustment. The BGSU-FA remains concerned about the loss of valuable non tenure-track faculty. NTTF whose jobs are threatened have contributed a total of 193 years of service to the University and in the fall semester, taught 2,400 students with waiting lists for their classes. Among these are faculty who have 16 years of service to the University and those who have won teaching awards. Faculty losses are at a time when the University audit indicates the University is in good financial health with unrestricted assets of up to three million dollars. It is hoped that, if need arises, some of these will be rehired and that all will be given strong letters of support if they must be let go.

President---Mary Ellen Mazey:

Update on State Share of Instruction: There is still uncertainty about the exact amount of SSI BGSU will receive in the coming years. The good news is that we can anticipate funds toward the remodeling of Moseley Hall and work on the allied health building at Firelands.

Enrollment: The President commended everyone who has been working toward good results for fall 2014 enrollment, and we look forward to positive results with both enrollment of new students and retention of our current students. We have had success with our linked courses and there is some indication that those students will be retained at a higher rate than others. BGSU's budget next year will depend on enrollment. Faculty are encouraged to participate in recruitment and retention efforts.

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The Accenture Report: The report focuses primarily on business functions within the University. Faculty will be appointed to serve on committees for each of the areas identified in the report. The six areas are:

1. Organization, Benefits and Employees
2. Student Services
3. Core Administrative Services (ITS for example)
4. Research and Advancement
5. Auxiliary Operations (University vehicles, bookstore, and energy use)
6. Educational Platform (strengthening high-focus programs, online programs, and building partnerships)

Open forums will be held to keep the campus community aware of progress in all areas. Some initiatives will be completed rapidly; others may take up to five years. The University hopes to continue to build scholarships, endowed professorships, or even endowed programs and colleges along with named facilities.

President Mazey responded to questions about:

The timeline for implementation of Accenture recommendations (some 1-3 years and others up to 5 years)

Renovations for South Hall

Relocation of Disability Services to College Park

Possible elimination of the Bookstore

Provost--- Rodney Rogers:

Organizational changes: The provost thanked Joe Frizado for stepping into a position in enrollment management and Venu Dasigi for stepping up as interim dean of the College of Technology, Architecture, and Applied Engineering. The provost began with a discussion of the importance of enrollment of both traditional and nontraditional students. The population of 18-22 year old post high school students is declining over all, making recruitment of that group a less robust source of incoming students. So, although this continues to be a valuable source of students for BGSU, it will need to be augmented by other sources if we are to maintain our current enrollment figures. Retention (the number of students who remain at BGSU once enrolled) is also crucial. Although our enrollment figure as of January 14, 2014 is lower than this time last year, our retention is slightly increased. The provost reiterated that this incoming class was among the best academically-prepared in recent years. Overall, however, it is too early to state definitively if enrollment will be up or down next year. The BGP committee will be reviewing all general education courses; this is being done to ensure that our offerings prepare students for their majors. These courses must be brought into alignment with university outcomes. Market Adjustment letters have gone out to faculty. That processes was completed in cooperation with the BGSU FA.

Respectfully Submitted by Sheri Wells-Jensen for Bess Wood.