

**SEC/PROVOST JOINT CONFERENCE  
MINUTES**

January 20, 2015  
110 Olscamp Hall Conference Room

**PRESENT:** Peter Blass, John Folkins, Rachelle Hippler, Brian Kochheiser, Joel O’Doriso, Allen Rogel, Rodney Rogers, Bill Sawaya, Michael Smith, Kelly Taylor, Sheri Wells-Jensen

**PRESIDER:** Vice Chair Allen Rogel

At 2:38 p.m. the meeting was called to order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION (Joel O’Doriso) Approve the minutes from the December meeting. (Second: Peter Blass). Passed unanimously.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Admissions Advisory Committee Reconfiguration: SEC considered a proposal for the Enrollment Advisory Committee, which will deal with retention and enrollment at all levels of the university. The original Admissions Advisory Committee only dealt with first time first year freshmen and had no retention aspect. The following motions are changes to the proposal. (Note: For clarity, the motions are listed in the order of how they appear on the document as opposed to the order they were made at the meeting.)

- *MOTION: (Bill Sawaya) Add in the Purpose after Division of Academic Affairs “, faculty and other constituents groups.” The new purpose would read: “To advise the Division of Academic Affairs, faculty and other constituents group with regard to enrollment management strategies, opportunities, initiatives and practices.” (Second: Allen Rogel). Passed unanimously.*
- *MOTION: (Bill Sawaya) Add a numbered point after the currently numbered 2 in Functions to read: “Review all retention procedures and practices.” (Second: Rachel Hippler). Passed unanimously.*
- *MOTION (Joel O’Doriso) Remove “the Division of Academic Affairs” from the currently numbered 4 under Functions. (Second: John Folkins). Passed unanimously.*
- *MOTION (Joel O’Doriso). Add a final numbered point under Functions to read “take a leadership role in advocating for faculty and other constituent groups to engage in recruitment and retention.” (Second: John Folkins) (Friendly Ammend Peter Blass “take”). Passed unanimously.*

- *MOTION: (Allen Rogel) make the following changes to Membership:*
  - *Delete “administrative” from “one administrative staff member from Student Affairs appointed by...so it will now say “one staff member from Student Affairs appointed by...”*
  - *Add “one staff member from Academic Affairs appointed by the Provost”*
  - *Add “Director of the Office of Student Retention” as an Ex Officio.*

*(Second Joel O’Dorisio). Passed unanimously.*

*The SEC recommends that the Chair of the Enrollment Advisory Committee serves on the Provost’s Enrollment Management Council.*

*SEC recommends that the existing members of the Admissions Advisory Committee roll over to the new Enrollment Advisory Committee.*

- *MOTION (John Folkins). The Enrollment Advisory Committee with the changes and recommendations be approved and forwarded. (Second: Joel O’Dorisio). Passed unanimously.*

RCM: The President is appointing a taskforce with the CFO and Provost as co-chairs. The taskforce will include a faculty representative, and other representatives from key areas like athletics, development, student affairs, and the CIO. Background information sessions on RCM models and best practices will be offered on Feb. 25 by a representative of the Education Advisory Board. This person will also have time with the other groups including the taskforce, the deans, and the President. Provost Rogers said there might be a possibility of capturing the talk. SEC discussed taking nominations from faculty senate for the faculty representative. John Folkins asked the Provost at what level will RCM function. Provost Rogers said it will be driven at department level, but Deans will have the decision as they have to consider their portfolio of programs. Provost Rogers said we need elegant simplicity. It needs to be a process over time to make sure it is successfully done. He said RCM leads to better transparency and allows deans to do what is best for their colleges.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President’s Athletic Advisory Group: The Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee, the current university standing committee, has met several times and has multiple subcommittees (6). The group had one major initiative over the last year: missed class attendance policy. The committee basically focuses on where athletics, student athletes and academics intersect. Given high profile cases around the country, President Mazey is looking to form a committee that would report directly to her and move beyond the current committee, which is primarily made up of faculty and just the academic side. The President’s committee will look at all aspects of the athletes’ experiences on campus together. The committee would include the faculty athletic rep, the Provost, CFO, AD, and enrollment and compliance officers. Provost Rogers said the Athletic Director is supportive of the president’s advisory committee. Provost Rogers said the group will likely meet each term and set an agenda. SEC supports the general idea of President’s Athletic Advisory and suggests the three faculty representatives to this group should be the Chair of Faculty Senate, and two appointments – the Intercollegiate

Athletic Advisory Committee chair and one other faculty member. SEC suggests two 3-year terms. There was no discussion on whether these people should then be off.

Climate Action Plan Resolution: Much discussion about this. Is anything binding? Good to be proactive, but concerns over committing to something that may involve paying to offset carbon use to be carbon neutral and the potential financial burden. What are the pros and cons of climate control? The CAP seems to have many aspects including a proposal for rebranding. Faculty members wrote the resolution. If we have reservations about the wording of the resolution, we need to communicate this with them. We have to send it to Faculty Senate as written; we cannot edit. *MOTION (Joel O'Dorisio): Propose that SEC members look at the CAP over the next week and we revisit this at the next SEC meeting on Jan. 27. (Second: Bill Sawaya). Passed unanimously.*

Questions for February meeting to Sheri and Steve: The Faculty Senate work group questions are going to FAAC to determine which are most important and appropriate. Questions can come from floor on the day of the presentations. The goal of the session with Sheri is to have an understanding of the fiscal viability of the university. We want a layperson's guide. We want questions that will get us new information. SEC members suggested that faculty are most likely interested in: What money goes where? With the cuts in faculty lines: what were the savings, what are the financial ramifications, what impact, how much?

Things to ask her should be current financial status, trend analysis, key indicators, percentage of the divisions, but watch the jargon. Provost Rogers suggested asking a financial or accounting professor -- Dr. Orr, Dr. Russell Mills, David Stott-- to facilitate this. Provost Rogers will broach this with her, as it is her show.

#### **ISSUES AND CONCERNS:**

Exam Week: Provost Rogers raised a concern about whether faculty members are holding exams or meeting during exam week. Through informal conversations with students he is hearing that students do not have exams in every class and often are not meeting during exam week as the project was due the week prior or the time is just an open time for dropping off a paper or project. Faculty members and students in SEC confirmed this is going on, though to what extent is not known. Provost Rogers said enhancing the academic culture is crucial especially as we bring in more academically prepared students. Faculty Senate should take a leadership role on this. One way may be to ask the Provost to provide statistics on who met. We don't want to dictate what faculty members do or become the exam police, but this is a part of retention. Provost Rogers said high-achieving students who are recruited have a certain expectation of rigor when they get to campus.

Update from Provost Rogers: As the meeting was running over, Provost Rogers mentioned the following, but did not elaborate. Compensation for College Credit Plus in a co-teaching situation is being worked on with BGSU-FA. e-campus is an internal system for keeping track of online programs (not online classes).

**ADJOURNMENT:** Vice Chair Allen Rogel adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Taylor, secretary, Feb. 5, 2015