

**SEC/PROVOST JOINT CONFERENCE
MINUTES**

March 17, 2015
110 Olscamp Hall Conference Room

PRESENT: Peter Blass, David Border, John Folkins, Rachelle Hippler, Brian Kochheiser, Joel O'Doriso, Susan Peet (substitute for Mariana Mitova), Bill Sawaya, Michael Smith, Arne Spohr, Kelly Taylor, Sheri Wells-Jensen

PRESIDER: Chair Joel O'Doriso presided over the meeting in the absence of Vice-Chair Allen Rogel, who was ill. Also, please note that the Provost Rogers was traveling back from a conference and was absent from the meeting.
Meeting began at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINTUES

MOTION (Peter Blass): Approve the minutes from the Feb. 10, 2014 SEC/Provost Joint Conference. (Second: Brian Kochheiser). Passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

ComCom Recommendations: A memo from Com Com was seeking action on disbanding the Parking Advisory Committee and the Continuing and Extended Education Committee. The parking committee was disbanded in a previous SEC meeting and the business has already been transmitted. *MOTION (Michael Smith): Accept the recommendation of Com Com and disband the Continuing and Extended Education Committee. (Second: Arne Spohr). Passed unanimously.*

CAA Recommendations: Three curriculum modifications were before SEC. *MOTION (Michael Smith): Accept curriculum modification 1415-240 that modifies the Physical Education teacher education program into a combined Physical Education and Health Education major to prepare students for licensure in the two content areas. (Second: John Folkins). Passed unanimously.* *MOTION (Bill Sawaya): Accept curriculum modification 1415-164 that creates a new specialization Software Engineering Specialization for the B.S. degree in Computer Science. (Second: Michael Smith). Passed unanimously.* *MOTION (Rachelle Hippler): Accept curriculum modification 1415-101 to create a minor in International Business. (Second: Peter Blass). Passed unanimously.* Modifications 1415-240 and 1415-101 will need to be voted on at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Committee on Professional Affairs Appointments: The CPA committee has two seats that are appointed by SEC. According to an email from Stephanie Walls, chair of Com Com, Irina Stakhanova served as a substitute on this committee during fall semester and would be interested in serving as a full member. The SEC members approved her appointment unanimously. Joel O'Doriso suggested Ann Darke as the second appointment. Darke, who is currently serving as the representative to the Ohio Faculty Council, would be a natural fit to this committee. This would give her a place to report. Joel O'Doriso will contact Darke about serving on CPA. SEC members unanimously approved her appointment if she accepts. SEC further discussed making the Ohio Faculty Council representative a permanent appointment to CPA and thought this idea should be pursued.

Catalog Change from CAA: With the update of BGP, a minor, common sense change to the language in the catalog that affects students transferring between colleges needs to be made so as to not penalize them. *MOTION (Bill Sawaya): Accept the new wording to the catalog concerning BGP and transferring students. (Second: Arne Spohr). Passed unanimously.*

Provost Updates: none since the Provost was not in attendance.

SENATE MEETING AGENDA for April:

John Fischer is on the agenda for the April 7 meeting to talk about College Credit Plus and answer any lingering BGP questions. SEC had a long discussion about the various concerns with College Credit Plus including state law making it impossible for BGSU to not participate, the concerns about abuses, certifying teachers, students as young as seventh grade taking courses, time to degree completion, and the foundational aspects of many of the courses that would be in the College Credit Plus program. SEC members are hoping John Fischer will provide some specifics in his presentation including real threats to BGSU and how these might be mitigated. Chair O’Dorisio said members of the committee should send questions for Fischer to O’Dorisio and he would give these to Fischer in advance of the meeting.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

Kingston in Faculty Senate: President Mazey suggested having Chris Kingston, athletic director, as a guest at one of the last Faculty Senate meetings. Based on discussion in SEC, many unknowns about athletics are evident that Kingston might be able to clarify for the faculty. In that regard, Kingston might be a good choice. Sherri Wells-Jensen asked if there might be other pressing concerns that would better fill the last meetings. Nothing was decided about inviting Kingston.

Academic Honesty and Student Absence Policy: Joel O’Dorisio would really like to wrap these up yet this year as the process has already been long and drawn out. With the permission of SEC he is going to ask Pat Pauken to help in drafting the charter language in an effort to streamline the process through A&B.

Honors College Representation on CAA: Currently CAA includes representatives from the seven colleges as well as Undergraduate Council, Graduate Council, USG, GSS, and the Provost. Discussion centered on the creation of the Honors College to be a “name only” change not a mission change. David Border, chair of CAA, questioned the value added by putting an Honors College Representative on CAA. Border said guests are always included when curriculum proposals are submitted so Honors College does have input in matters concerning the Honors College. Arne Spohr suggested that the additional representation could give over representation to a specific college. Following discussion, SEC was not in favor of Honors College representation on CAA.

ADJOURNMENT: *Chair Joel O’Dorisio adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Taylor, secretary, March 24, 2015