

**SEC/PROVOST JOINT CONFERENCE
MINUTES**

November 25, 2014

110 Olscamp Conference Room

PRESENT: Peter Blass, David Border, Amelia Carr, John Folkins, Rachelle Hippler, Kathy Hoff, Brian Kochheiser, Joel O’Dorisio, Rachel Vannatta Reinhart, Allen Rogel, Rodney Rogers, Michael Smith, Kelly Taylor, Sheri Wells-Jensen

PRESIDER: Vice-chair Allen Rogel

Meeting began at 2:35 p.m. Provost Rogers was late so Vice-chair Allen Rogel reordered the agenda to begin with items not requiring the Provost.

NEW BUSINESS:

College of Arts and Sciences Council: A&S Council made proposed changes to several degrees and seeking to move this through the process to get in place with BGP, which means getting Faculty Senate approval very quickly. Moira van Staaden contacted Joel O’Dorisio about getting it to CAA. Members of SEC said this should have automatically gone to CAA. *ACTION: Joel will contact John Fischer, chair of Undergraduate Council, to have this sent to CAA.*

OLD BUSINESS:

Admissions Advisory Committee Proposal: This item was tabled from the SEC meeting of Nov. 18 because the proposed change does not reflect the broader scope SEC wanted and the members wanted Provost Roger’s input on involving this committee in the Enrollment Management Council.

Provost Rogers explained that the Enrollment Management Council is a group of the leaders of the units who make things happen. The council addresses issues, informs members of ongoing efforts and seeks cooperative efforts when possible. This council is tactical and operational. Strategic, long term decisions are being made at undergraduate and graduate councils and with the deans. The council was formed two years ago and is important to growing new student populations.

SEC feels it is important to have faculty involved in retention and recruitments as they are a key player in the many initiatives and are impacted by enrollment growth and decline. The Admissions Advisory Committee needs to be re-purposed to reflect how faculty can help at the nuts and bolts level as well as looking at results of recruiting efforts and admissions policies and setting the tone for the coming year. SEC felt the new charge of the Admissions Advisory Committee should be to advise the Division of Academic Affairs with regard to enrollment management strategies, opportunities, initiatives and practices. Once the committee is repurposed, Provost Rogers agreed to extend an invitation to the chair of the committee for a seat on the Enrollment Management Council. The current seat occupied by the Faculty Senate Chair would remain. We would also let Com Com look at the makeup of the membership, but the suggestion was made that director of financial aid be included as an ex officio, and an e-campus representative should be a member.

MOTION (Joel O’Doriso): Send the proposal for the Admissions Advisory Committee back to Com Com to address the concerns of SEC and then come back to SEC. Com Com should: 1) change the name of committee to reflect advisory to student affairs concerning enrollment management; 2) redefine the purpose to reflect a new role; 3) modify function #4 to match the purpose; and 4) update the membership to reflect the larger purpose. (Second: Kathy Hoff). Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Food and Nutrition ARC approved by CAA: Provost Rogers gave an update to the notion of a “cost neutral” move. He met with the deans of both colleges and resolution was made on the following money issues: 1) operations and carry forward balance would be roughly 1/3 going with F&N, as that is the approximate share in the current structure; 2) scholarships would stay with the named program of the scholarships; 3) graduate assistance would be provided back at 1/3 arrangement; 4) equipment would stay in current location, but F&N would be given access; 5) classified staff support would be clean with some overlap until anticipated retirement; 6) foundation accounts would stay with the named program; 6) faculty line would stay with F&N; 7) course fees would stay with the courses. Provost Rogers said every attempt was made to understand the needs of the program and the colleges, and this will also guide future decisions.

MOTION (Joel O’Doriso): Approve the recommendation for academic reconfiguration of the Food and Nutrition program. (Second: John Folkins). Passed unanimously.

Ohio College Credit Plus Program: Allen Rogel presented information he had received from University Council meeting about this program, which will take the place of PSEOP program. High school students will be able to take courses in their high school for which they will also receive college credit. These high school/college classes will have college faculty advisers/mentors. This program is being mandated by the state. Provost Rogers indicated that this could be an opportunity for BGSU. The university has been approached by at least four college preparatory high schools about exclusive partnerships. The SSI money would flow to the college. Also, as high school teachers seek to get qualified they could take graduate credits through BGSU. BGSU is striving to take the high ground on this and become a premiere program. Provost Rogers suggested that it would be beneficial to have John Fischer talk about this to SEC. Discussion revolved around abuses of PSEOP, readiness of students for this level of work and a college preparedness test before entering the program.

Resolution from Neocles Leontis: Not final at this time so the item was tabled until the Dec. 16 SEC meeting.

ISSUES/CONCERNS:

Honors College Representation: Simon Morgan-Russell contact Joel O’Doriso seeking Honors College representation SEC and CAA. Joel responded to Dr. Morgan-Russell with a list of members on CAA and suggested contacting a member to be the unofficial representation until more formal steps might be taken. SEC was not enthusiastic about adding members and felt other mechanisms existed for Honors College to have a voice. Provost Rogers supports the recommendation of a seat at Undergraduate Council for Honors College. A show of hands

indicated several SEC members also teach in the Honors College, so like Graduate College, representation exists tangentially.

Climate Action Plan: Nick Hennessy from Office of Sustainability is on the Faculty Senate agenda for Tuesday to present the Climate Action Plan. Michael Smith indicated that he would send a model resolution related to the Climate Plan.

Provost Rogers Update: Provost Rogers asked to share an update on enrollment and retention numbers.

Enrollment applied: up 13% y-t-d; up 9% year before

Enrollment admits: up 18% from two years ago

Enrollment housing deposit: up 8% y-t-d; up 1% year before

Retention Fall to Spring: up 30% y-t-d; this was a big gain

Provost Rogers credited enrollment gains to three things: 1) went to territory management strategy that has resulted in more relationships at high schools; 2) spent money on advertising; and 3) record number at Preview Day in October, up 200. Provost Rogers credited the great work of faculty for gains in retention.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Taylor, secretary: Dec. 3, 2014