

**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**October 28, 2014**

**110 Olscamp Conference Room**

**PRESENT:** Peter Blass, Amelia Carr, Rachelle Hippler, Kathy Hoff, Brian Kochheiser, Joel O’Doriso, Rachel Vannatta Reinhart (sub for Lisa Handyside), Allen Rogel, Michael Smith, Arne Spohr, Kelly Taylor, Adam Watkins (sub for John Folkins), Sheri Wells-Jensen

**PRESIDER:** Chair Joel O’Doriso

Meeting began at 2:35 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*MOTION (Amelia Carr): Accept the minutes from the Sept. 30, 2014 SEC meeting. (Second: Kathy Hoff). Passed unanimously.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Update Faculty Senate Guests: Fran Voll, chair of the Board of Trustees, has been confirmed for January. BG Mayor Dick Edwards has been confirmed for December and focus on the joint land use plan. Other suggestions for guests include inviting the Ohio Chancellor and having Sheri Stoll and Steve Krakoff together. *ACTION:* Chair O’Doriso will explore both of these suggestions.

Holiday Party: Chair Joel O’Doriso has made contact with Jan Varney McKnight, the president’s assistant about the request for having the president host.

Title IX Presentation: SEC members are okay with this for the November meeting as long as presentation is 10-15 minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Foundation Board Appointee: The Foundation Board has a slot allotted to a representative of Faculty Senate. This has not been filled in the last few years. Traditionally, this has been the Vice Chair of Faculty Senate. SEC members want it understood that the appointee to this board should be willing to question the Foundation Board about its spending and operations.

*MOTION (Amelia Carr): SEC appoints Allen Rogel as the Foundation Board representative from Faculty Senate. (Second: Arne Spohr). Passes unanimously.*

Excused Absence Steve Cady: Senator Steve Cady, who is on family leave for fall 2014, has been unsuccessful at finding a substitute for the semester after diligently trying. *MOTION (Kelly Taylor): Given that the College of Business and the management department are represented at Faculty Senate meetings, Steve Cady should be excused for fall semester and retain his seat. (Second: Allen Rogel). Passed unanimously.*

Highlights of President’s Panel: Kelly Taylor attended the President’s Panel on Oct. 20. She shared notes from the meeting and highlighted a few items:

- 1) The university is pursuing one pay cycle of 26 pays for everyone on campus including faculty. According to O’Dorisio, each pay run requires a significant accounting effort and cost. He said a BGSU-FA survey found that faculty members are roughly 50% for and 50% against moving to more pays. A change would require agreement through the CBA.
- 2) ASC question was about reduction of the tuition reimbursement benefit that is being looked at by the AROC committee. O’Dorisio said BGSU offers a higher benefit than benchmarked institutions and a reduction is being looked at, at the administrative staff level as a cost saving measure.
- 3) One national threat to higher education is the initial movement of some states to the awarding of four-year degrees by community colleges. Rachelle Hippler suggested that BGSU could leverage Firelands more and award more four-year degrees through the branch campus, which is a degree from BGSU and has the potential to reach non-traditional student markets.

SEC members additionally commented on President Mazey’s remark about keeping the negatives out of the news. Some members felt that senate meetings are often the only venue to question decisions of the administration. About the state legislature move for a tuition reduction of 5 percent, discussion centered on the harm this would do to BGSU as the SSI does not increase to make up for the loss. When looking at BGSU total costs (fees, room and board with tuition), BGSU offers an affordable package, which falls in the middle of the rankings.

(CAA) Catalog Change on Admission of International Students: Tabled until the SEC/VPAA meeting on Nov. 18.

Proposed Change to Admissions Advisory Committee and FAAC:

*Background:* Admissions Advisory Committee is a Standing University Committee. The group was recently revived and has full membership. The group was originally tasked as advisory to the Office of Admissions. Over the last several years, admissions has been rolled into Enrollment Management, which has a council under the leadership of Provost Rogers and includes all branches of the university involved in retention and recruitment, for example, student life, residence life and admissions.

Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee is a Faculty Senate Standing Committee. The group was originally tasked with examining the budget and interrupting for senate. About half of FAAC responsibilities have shifted to the BGSU-FA. The group now only meets 2-3 times.

*Proposing:* The AAC is not part of the Enrollment Management Council. O’Dorisio has talked to Provost Rogers about getting an AAC representative on Enrollment Management Council. With faculty lines being tied to enrollment, O’Dorisio feels this would be appropriate. He also made the suggestion that perhaps AAC and FAAC should combine.

*Discussion:* SEC members thought it very important that Admissions Advisory Committee be part of the EM Council. Members felt the charge of AAC should be broadened to include all admissions related topics. Concerns were raised of relinquishing a Faculty Senate Committee (FAAC) and combining it with a University Standing Committee (AAC).

**ACTIONS:** 1) Ask Com Com to increase the scope of the Admissions Advisory Committee to include all admissions, recruitment and retention of all potential constituent groups (traditional 18-year-olds, online, non-traditional, international) and consider renaming the committee to better reflect the new scope. 2) Once this is approved, Chair O’Dorisio will ask Provost Rogers for representation from this group on the Enrollment Management Council. 3) Ask the two committees to create a regular line of communication between FAAC and AAC, for example having a representative of each group at the meeting of the other.

Adjunct Representation on Faculty Senate: Chair O’Dorisio said adjuncts do not have representation on Faculty Senate. According to IPEDS numbers for 2013-14: 253 adjuncts on Main campus and 99 at Firelands. Current full time faculty total is 800 and the “faculty ratio” is only full time faculty members – 29% NTTF to 71% TTF. How many classes being taught by adjunct is unknown. Issue today is representation on Faculty Senate. SEC approves exploring ways to get adjunct representation on Faculty Senate.

Adjuncts have no grievance process. BGSU-FA does not represent them. How do we deal with it? Ask adjuncts? **ACTION:** Chair O’Dorisio will start investigations and ask the ad hoc committee on adjuncts to do a survey.

**ISSUES/CONCERNS:**

Graduate Senate Rep: President’s Climate Change Committee and how to present plan to Faculty Senate. The goal is to be carbon-neutral by 2040.

Peter Blass: Neocles Leonitis is requesting time on the floor to talk about electricity costs on campus. **ACTION:** Chair O’Dorisio will ask Neocles what he wants from Faculty Senate.

Enforcement of the smoking policy: The issue of enforcement of the smoking policy was raised due to observations of non-compliance on campus.

USG: Asked for update on absence policy. **ACTION:** O’Dorisio will make inquiries about this.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Motion (Joel O’Dorisio): The meeting should adjourn. (Second: Allen Rogel). Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Taylor, secretary.

Please note: I left at 4 p.m. because of a class obligation and Allen Rogel took the notes in my absence.