

**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

September 30, 2014

110 Olscamp Conference Room

PRESENT: Peter Blass, Amelia Carr, John Folkins, Rachelle Hippler, Kathy Hoff, Brian Kochheiser, Joel O’Dorisio, Allen Rogel, Michel Smith, Arne Spohr, Kelly Taylor, Brooks Vostal (sub for Rachel Vanatta Reinhart), Sheri Wells-Jensen

PRESIDER: Chair Joel O’Dorisio

Meeting began at 2:38 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Holiday Party: Faculty Senate held a holiday party in the past but not in the last several years. SEC is in favor of having a holiday party, but not as part of senate meeting. *ACTION:* Chair Joel O’Dorisio will contact the president about the possibility of her hosting a party.

Workload Report: The workload report was shared at the SEC/VPAA meeting on Sept. 16. In follow up, Chair O’Dorisio asked for feedback from the SEC members about the report. This report seems to be opening the door for the administration to have a policy. After some discussion, the biggest area of concern was making sure faculty members were consulted on the development of the policy. SEC would like faculty input as the policy works its way down every layer and not after the fact. *ACTION:* Chair O’Dorisio agreed to share with Provost Rogers our interest in helping to develop the policy. SEC members further discussed the need for good data. The survey all faculty members were asked to complete at the end of last year was an attempt to get a better understanding of workload.

NEW BUSINESS:

Honorary Doctorate Degree Jennifer Higdon: SEC members reviewed documentation in support of the nomination of Jennifer Higdon for an honorary doctorate of musical arts from Bowling Green State University. *MOTION (John Folkins): SEC supports awarding an honorary doctorate degree to Jennifer Higdon. (Second: Kathy Hoff). Passes unanimously.*

Honorary Doctorate Degree Eileen O’Neill: SEC members reviewed documentation in support of the nomination of Eileen O’Neill for an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Bowling Green State University. *MOTION (Kelly Taylor): SEC supports awarding an honorary doctorate degree to Eileen O’Neill. (Second: Allen Rogel). Passed unanimously.*

ACTION: Kelly Taylor will follow up to see if these needed to be voted on by the full senate. If so, the nominations will be added to the October meeting agenda.

Committee on Professional Affairs: Investigation into this committee began because no one was attending the SEC or SEC/VPAA meetings as a representative. Allen Rogel looked into this and discovered that the group has not met in over a year and only has about half of the 12 members allowed. The purpose of the group is to be the voice of the faculty beyond the

university to a wider public. The title does not seem to reflect the group's purpose. In the past and including last year, a few members from CPA have gone to Columbus. In essence, this is a non-functioning committee. *MOTION (Kathy Hoff): Com Com should explore the value, charge and make-up of CPA and make a recommendation to SEC about its continuation. (Second: Allen Rogel). Passed unanimously.*

Results of Faculty Senate Breakout Session from Sept. 9 Meeting: Chair O'Dorisio shared a summary of the answers to the two questions from the working group session. Kathy Hoff asked if an electronic version of the document could be shared with SEC. *ACTION:* Kelly Taylor will send electronic version to SEC following the meeting.

#1 Role of Faculty Senate question yielded variety of answers. In general, the role of Faculty Senate is curriculum, pedagogy and quality. Union is finances and working conditions. Chair O'Dorisio suggested putting out something like a flier or brochure that would explain the role of Faculty Senate more clearly for all parties. SEC members felt a joint statement with the BGSU-FA would be beneficial. *ACTION:* Chair O'Dorisio will create a draft from the question and the mission statement of senate created by Mark Early and bring it back for further discussion.

#2 Activities of Faculty Senate included mostly suggestions for bringing in guests. To that end, Donna Nelson-Beene will be at the next senate meeting to give an update of BGP. John Ellinger, is coming Nov. 4 meeting. A Board of Trustees member will be invited and we will use the October senate meeting working session to put together questions. Other guests to be considered are John Fischer, who took over Sue Houston's role; Sheri Stoll, finances and update on subcommittees of Accenture; Dick Edwards, BG mayor; and Steve Krakoff, buildings.

ISSUES/CONCERNS:

Break-out session at Faculty Senate meetings: SEC members had two suggestions for improvement: 1) some type of sharing of what each group discussed in the meeting and 2) providing the topic ahead of the meeting so people have an opportunity to think about it.

Reports and Communications at Faculty Senate: We need to remind people prior to the meeting to send updates. *ACTION:* Kelly Taylor will contact groups and Allen Rogel will let the few committees know.

Title IX Request for Senate Meeting: Barbara Wadell made a request for time at a faculty senate meeting to talk about Title IX. We need more information about what she wants to say and its importance to the entire faculty. *ACTION:* Joel O'Dorisio will follow up with her about this topic and report back.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion (Amelia Carr): The meeting should adjourn. (Second: Rachelle Hippler). Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Taylor, secretary: Oct. 23, 2014