

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

November 18, 2014
110 Olscamp Hall Conference Room

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

PRESIDER: Chair Joel O’Dorisio
Meeting began at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: *MOTION (Kathy Hoff): Accept the minutes from the Oct. 28, 2014 SEC meeting and the Oct. 14, 2014 SEC/VPAA Joint Conference. (Second: John Folkins). Passed unanimously.*

OLD BUSINESS:

CAA: Catalog Change on Admission of International Students: Change the required scores for admission. Current language: “BGSU requires a TOEFL score of at least 500 (paper based), 173 (computer based), or 61 (internet based); a MELAB score of at least 69; or an IELTS score of at least 6.0.” Proposed change: “BGSU requires a TOEFL score of at least 527 (paper based), 197 (computer based), or 71 (internet based); a MELAB score of at least 73; or an IELTS score of at least 6.0.” Discussion on whether this is a minor or major change. Minor changes can proceed from SEC. Major changes must go through Faculty Senate. Support from SEC for this being a minor change. This proposal addresses faculty complaints, sets students up for success, helps retention, and moves BGSU from being the university with the lowest TOEFL score requirement. *MOTION (Allen Rogel): SEC should approve the change in scores for admission of international students. (Second: Kathy Hoff). Passed unanimously.*

Health and Nutrition College Change: Tabled until the SEC/Provost meeting on Nov. 25. David Border indicated that this is on the CAA meeting agenda for the next day. *ACTION:* David will forward the supporting information send to CAA to Joel O’Dorisio to be shared with the members of SEC.

NEW BUSINESS:

Provost Rogers Title Change: President Mazey has officially changed Rodney Rogers title from Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost to Provost and Senior Vice President. With the switch, *The Charter* needs to be updated to reflect the change. *MOTION (Amelia Carr): SEC endorses the title change and subsequent editorial fixes to The Charter to reflect the correct new title. (Second: Michael Smith). Passed unanimously. ACTION:* Kelly Taylor will send approval Pat Pauken and cc President Mazey and Joel O’Dorisio. Additionally, going forward, the monthly joint conference with SEC and the provost will be renamed the SEC/Provost Joint Conference.

Admissions Advisory Committee Change Proposal: Changes are in the right direction, but they do not reflect SEC's most recent discussions on this. Tabled until the SEC/Provost meeting on Nov. 25 so Provost Rogers can provide input on how to connect this to all enrollment and his enrollment council. The group discussed editing that needs to be done to the proposal document. Specifically, Director of Undergraduate Admissions is listed twice under Ex Officio members and semi-colons need to be added to the membership listing.

Proposal on Health, Wellness & Insurance Committee: A proposal from Bill Balzar to discontinue the University Standing Committee Health, Wellness & Insurance and re-charter it under the Office of the President was presented to SEC. Because benefits must be collectively bargained, with the BGSU-FA being the sole bargaining unit for full-time faculty, the standing committee is not active. This is an attempt to codify current practice. Given the current handling of benefits discussion centered on whether having a committee would have made a difference and if things might have been handled differently. Additionally, concerns were raised about the committee reporting to the president. *MOTION (John Folkins): Eliminate the Health, Wellness and Insurance Committee's status as a university standing committee. (Second: Kathy Hoff). 10 for, 0 against, 2 abstentions. Motion passed.*

Request to Present Climate Plan to Faculty Senate: Nick Hennessy, who chairs the President's Climate Commitment Working Group, would like to present the recently completed BGSU Climate Action Plan at a faculty senate meeting. The plan is a requirement of BGSU's participation in the American Colleges and Universities President's Climate Commitment. SEC members felt a short presentation of 10 minutes with questions after would be appropriate. This will be added to the December meeting agenda.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

Deaths of Former Faculty Members: Question was brought to SEC from Ellen Williams, retiree representative, if Faculty Senate does memorial resolutions. BGSU has had several recent deaths of former faculty. Faculty Senate does accept memorial resolutions and these traditionally originate from the department of the faculty member or colleagues who knew the deceased not from senate. *ACTION*: Kelly Taylor will contact Ellen Williams to ask if she will take the lead on contacting departments.

SENATE AGENDA ITEMS:

(Dec. 2) Bowling Green Mayor Dick Edwards: SEC members talked about questions that could be posed to Mayor Edwards. Concerns are lack of public transportation; more attention to biking; possibility of shuttle with UT; ways university can help in residential areas that are mostly college students mixed with residents; concrete timeline and money commitment for actually accomplishing projects; and encouraging respect and positive community atmosphere. Questions will also come from the floor.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Taylor, secretary.