

**SEC/PROVOST JOINT CONFERENCE  
MINUTES**

**October 20, 2015**

**2:30-4:30 pm**

**110 Olscamp Conference Room**

**Present:** Rodney Rogers (VPAA), Allen Rogel (FS Chair), Rachelle Hipper (FS Vice-Chair), Robyn Miller (FS Secretary), Peter Blass (A&S), David Border (TAAE), Timothy Brackenbury (HHS), Kerry Fan (TAAE), Mariana Mitova (EDHD), Maryam Kamrn (GSS), Victor Senn (UGS) Stephanie Walls (Firelands), Arne Spohr (CMA).

**PRESIDER:** Vice-Chair, Rachelle Hippler

Meeting began at 2:30 p.m.

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

*MOTION (Victor Senn) Move to approve minutes from September 22, 2015 (Second: Allen Rogel). Minutes approved unanimously.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A&B: Charter Editorial Amendment: Proposed editorial change to insert a liaison from FAAC to CAA, to serve as a non voting liaison. Amendments and Bylaws proposes to add a point number 7 under the CAA description to cross link, so that it is mentioned in both CAA and FAAC. The insert will state per the memo from Kelly Taylor: To be inserted in Article IV.F.2 under letter a) Membership as number 7:

*"(7) one member from Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee (FAAC), selected by FAAC, to serve as a non-voting liaison"*

Provost Rogers proposed an editorial change to add a comma after (FAAC). There was no opposition.

*Motion to approve amendment (Stephanie Walls). Second(Mariana Mitova). Motion carried. Will be sent to Pat Pauken.*

ComCom: Enrollment Advisory Committee: Enrollment Advisory Committee recommendation is to edit the description making only the Director of E campus a committee member and not the Director of CFE. This was done after consulting with both individuals.

*Motion to modify description of the Enrollment Advisory Committee (Allen Rogel) Second (Tim Brackenbury). Motion carried.*

Honorary Degree: Howard Aldrich: Provost Rogers explained that Dr. Aldrich is a professor at UNC Chapel Hill and has had a 45 year career. He received his Ph.D from the University of Michigan and his B.A in Sociology from BGSU. He has had over 40,000 citations. We are excited to recognize him, he has a national reputation in the academic world. His CV was distributed.

*Discussion:* The process after SEC approves it goes to the floor of Faculty Senate, and is then sent to the BOT for approval.

*Motion to grant Dr. Aldrich an honorary degree at BGSU (Mariana Mitova). Second (Victor Senn). Motion carried.*

CAA: New Programs:

- MS Forensics Science- This is a new graduate program. It will have three specializations: Forensics Chemistry, Forensics Investigation, and Forensics Biology. There will be a number of new courses involved in the degree. There will also be a request for three new faculty lines, with no change in faculty workload. There will be extra funds for overload pay and or part time faculty pay until the program gets up and running. The program has been indorsed by the Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, Dr. John Sprague, Dr. Steve Lab, Dr. John Cable, and Dr. Jeff Minor. A graduate proposal form was handed out at the meeting.

*Discussion:* Provost Rogers discussed that there were two faculty lines that had already been approved. This degree fits into the academic strategy of the university where the crime lab is connected to the academic program and research center. The knowledge of forensic science is moving forward and the graduate and undergraduate programs are being linked in chemistry and biology. We want to grow the computer financial forensics and psychology forensics as well. Chair Rogel mentioned that there was a grant form the Ohio Attorney General for collaborative research. There was a discussion that faculty searches should be successful since it is a very attractive program. Provost Rogers discussed that there should be enrollment growth for Fall 2017 and 2018 and this program should attract outstanding students. There should be no objections to the program in Ohio since there are not many of these programs around. It was also discussed that there have to be pathways for students to be monitored early so they do not run up a lot of debt. Criminal Justice would be a good fall back major.

*Motion to accept MS in Forensic Science (Tim Brackenbury) Second (Mariana Mitova). Motion passed.*

1. B.A. Biology- David Border explained that Biology is offering a new B.A. degree in Biology in addition to the B.S. It is localized to Biology. It will help students who are underprepared in the sciences going into the university. The B.A. will not require as advance calculus, chemistry or physics. Provost Rogers discussed that this type of degree is being offered at other universities.

*Discussion-* It was discussed that students need to be made aware of the different employment and advanced degree paths. It is very important to have proper advising, however, this will be good for retention. Provost Rogers also discussed that the math, statistics and economics also offer a B.S and B.A degrees. It was also discussed that this degree will be better than a liberal arts degree, that the students will still be able to have a biology degree and can have a career in biology. There was a concern that the

description needs to be more clear. David Border discussed that the faculty in biology are very student centered and will have active involvement with the students to avoid anything being unclear. Provost Rogers also stated that the advising strategy is to gather data and make sure that students are aware of their career pathways, professional advisors will be used with faculty as mentors. Technology is more customized than before, advisors are made aware immediately when a student drops a course, therefore attempting to help students in the middle not to get lost in the process.

*Motion to approve B.A. in Biology (Allen Rogel). Second (Victor Senn). Motion carries with a formal note to Provost Rogers with a concern for possible change of marketing material and description.*

B.S. Allied Health- David Border discussed that the current program in Allied Health is going to be online in 8 week e-campus courses. See Appendix D. The idea is to tap into the large number of community college program graduates see Appendix B. The goals is to allow students to go from an associate degree to a bachelors degree. Provost Rogers stated that the strategy of the university is to serve non traditional students, and this addresses that strategy. It is offered through e-campus to help those who already have jobs. Chair Rogel discussed that there is funding from the Trustees Innovation Fund to support overload or part time faculty to support first year and base hiring off of the numbers from the first year. David Border stated that there will be a transition period between the old program and the new program. There is already a specialization, it will become a stand alone degree.

*Motion: Motion to accept B.S. in Allied Health (Stephanie Walls). Second (Mariana Mitova). Motion passed.*

Ohio task Force on Affordability and Efficiency Report-Provost Rogers discussed that the Governor has appointed a task force, there are no academic professionals on the task force. The task force came to BGSU for an open forum. The University is to set aside savings and to pass this savings on to the students. Some recommendations were to reduce administrative costs, develop a college completion plan, and reduce textbook costs. We are also looking at collaborating with UT. We are to develop a common measurement of productivity that can be adopted across public universities. The metric will be a single metric we all can use. There has to be a commitment to find ways to reduce costs and pass this reduction on to students. There needs to be good advising up front and good degree completion plans. Provost Rogers also discussed that we can help direct students by looking at the number of credits that students have to earn from various degrees and structurally change some of these. We also need to make sure that students are ready for college early during recruitment. There are a lot of things we can do to become more efficient, and still provide quality education.

Discussion- Vice Chair Hippler asked if this was related to the 5%? Provost Rogers stated that the 5% was more global and would see how students can reduce cost. The report due date has been changed from January 1 due date to January 31 for under enrolled courses. Provost Rogers also discussed some of the standards: any enrollment less than 50% of class capacity. Ohio State uses the term under enrolled for courses that are un 10 and under for undergraduate classes and 6 and under for graduate classes. This

actual enrollment will have to be over two consecutive terms in order to be considered under enrolled.

COACHE Survey- Provost Rogers discussed that our participation in this survey is used for significant grants, at this time, we do not have full comprehensive results. NTTF was just added this year. There is no comparative data for NTTF but there is for TTF. The senior leadership was the number one item that the faculty was unhappy about. The cost of living was the least that faculty were unhappy about. Things are going well, we are running ahead of last year, enrollment is strong, fundraising is going well, and facilities are being reconstructed. Progress has been made with faculty compensation, graduation rates are up and retention is doing better. The new programs are examples of faculty working together. Chair Rogel discussed that Julie Matuga has reached out to have faculty involved in the COACHE survey.

University Evaluations- Chair Rogel discussed the request by President Mazey to have some portion of the class evaluations be university wide for promotion and tenure, so there will be some consistency. We will be meeting with Julie Matuga after the SEC/Provost meeting today to see what this may look like. The questions are undefined at this point. We are looking at implementing this for fall 2016. Provost Rogers stated that they are looking to design five university level question then departments and colleges can add questions. Vice-chair Hippler wanted to make sure that SEC was aware of this and to discuss at some point what other faculty members thought of this change.

#### **ISSUES/CONCERNS:**

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Allen Rogel Motioned to adjourn Rachele Hipper second. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Robyn Miller, secretary: October 26, 2015