

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

September 29, 2015
110 Olscamp Hall Conference Room

PRESENT: Peter Blass, Stephanie Walls, Robyn Miller, Tim Brackenbury, Kerry Fan, Mariana Mitova, Rachelle Hippler, Allen Rogel, , Arne Spohr, Maryam Kamran, Victor Senn.

PRESIDER: Chair Allen Rogel
Meeting began at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: There was no approval of minutes from September 1, 2015

OLD BUSINESS:

ACADEMIC HONESTY: Chair Allen Rogel stated that academic honesty is being moved to Student Affairs. However, there are three topics that can be addressed and sent to appropriate committees after reviewed by CAA.

1. Students waiving waiting periods if they choose not to appeal. This will shorten the process and reduce the number of NGRs on the transcripts. This action is in response to the fact that if a student has an academic honesty violation that is not resolved by the end of the semester, then an NGR is immediately awarded on the transcript. This produced a significant problem with scholarships that were awarded from semester to semester where the NGR was seen as an "F" and the scholarship was not renewed. Therefore, even when the student had no desire to appeal, the process took the two-week window allotted for the appeal and then caused the grade not to be reported.

The motion is to refer to CAA for examination and charter language that would allow for a mechanism to allow that student to waive the appeal and speed up the process.
Motion: Peter Blass, motion to send to CAA. (*Second: Mariana Mitova*) Motion carried.

2. Statue of limitations on academic honesty violations for students returning after several years. Currently there is no time out, therefore, if they made a mistake it would be considered a second academic honesty violation with an automatic second semester suspension.

Discussion: Recommendation of 10 years statue of limitations. There was a discussion that is should only be 6 years.

Motion would be to refer to CAA to draft an actual proposal.

Motion: Tim Brackenbury, motion to send proposal to CAA. (*Second, Victor Senn*) motion carried.

3. Issues of facilitation of academic dishonesty. Committee was uncertain that it warrants a more serious discipline than other academic honesty violations. The suggestion was that there would not be a direct sanction, but a strike would be assessed on the facilitator with requirement to go through an educational module. Faculty cannot sanction a student that is not in the class. This is on hold until Student Affairs can assess and develop an educational module.

Motion to reorder discussing Graduate Certificate, Strategic Communications at the beginning of New Business.

Motion: Rachell Hippler. Motion to reorder. (Second: Victor Senn). Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS: This is used to recruit students into graduate degrees by involving them in the certificate program. This is also good for students who may just want a certification and not pursue a Master's degree.

Discussion: This certificate does not have to be approved at the State level, therefore the approval process stops at BGSU.

Allen Rogel- Once the certificate is approved by SEC it can go live. The certificate will go to Faculty Senate for information but it is not voted on because it is a certificate.

Motion to approve Graduate Certificate, Strategic Communications.

Motion: Rachelle Hippler. Approve certificate. (Second: Mariana Mitova).

Vote: Passed unanimously.

OFCC REPORT: Tim Brackenbury filled in for Allen at a meeting concerning the survey that the Federal government will be administering to institutions that are awarded federal contracts. The survey will consist of one question with three answers, and will ask employees to self identify if they have a disability. The benchmark is 7% for institutions with federal contracts.

Discussion: Not everyone is going to want to report this. We may be able to put this on Canvas in order that it would be easier for employees to report this. There should be a representative from Senate on the lunch meetings every Tuesday concerning this matter. It should be brought to Faculty Senate in order that at some point the senators can reach out to their constituents that they represent.

MAC CONFERENCE: Rachelle Hippler attended a meeting of faculty senators from MAC schools, there were four MAC schools represented as follows: BGSU, Akron, Central Michigan, and Eastern Michigan. The meeting focused on the amount of student fees that subsidized athletics.

Discussion: There were two spreadsheets passed out from Allen and Rachelle that explained the conference and outlined the amount that athletics is subsidized by

student fees comparing MAC schools and Big Ten schools. BGSU student fees subsidized approximately 62.73% of the cost of athletics. Which is much less than all the other MAC schools except University of Toledo. It was discussed that this meeting among the faculty senators from the MAC schools was to give the faculty a voice in raising concerns that athletics was a large expense and much of it had to be subsidized by student fees. It was concluded that SEC would forward the report to the chair of FAAC.

FACULTY SENATE SURVEY: A survey was given to faculty senators to examine some hot topics that are important to faculty, and if these topics need to be addressed in Senate.

1. Math Emporium- this is not a BOT issue and definitely should be addressed in Faculty Senate.
2. BGP and CC Plus- we will be seeking a presentation from the Administration on how this is going.
3. HB 64- Allen has requested that faculty are involved in this review. Provost Rogers will be reporting regularly on the review and actions begin taken.
4. Committee Reports- reports will continue to be posted on the back of FS minutes. Chairs have the option of requesting floor time during FS for their committees. There is a consensus that we may survey Senate every semester to see how to handle committee reports.
5. LAW Room Training- we may be asking someone to speak about LAW Room on the floor of Senate. We can find out if there is a different alternative. Concluded that it might be better to have HR or Barbara Waddell come to SEC where there will be a smaller body and that may be more productive.
6. Professional Ethics- will be drafted by faculty.
7. Negotiations- Union will keep Senate updated on how negotiations are moving along.
8. Questions for BOT- some questions for the BOT included WBGU broadcasting license, governance relations between faculty and BOT, the process of getting on the Board, and what specifically does the BOT do.

Contact Allen with any priorities for these topics.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

SENATE AGENDA ITEMS (October 6, 2015):

1. Dave Levey, chair University Board of Trustees.
2. Marie Huff, United Way Kick Off
3. Monica Longmore, Clean Air Committee Presentation

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn Rachelle Hippler (Second, Mariana Mitova).
Meeting adjourned 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Robyn Miller, Secretary.

