

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 27, 2015

2:30-4:30 pm

110 Olscamp Conference Room

Present: 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 Kamran (GSS), Victor Senn (UGS) Stephanie Walls (Firelands), Arne Spohr (CMA).

INVITEE: Monica Longamore

PRESIDER: Vice-Chair, Rachelle Hippler- Chair Allen Rogel was ill.

Meeting began at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES:

MOTION: (Victor Senn) Move to approve minutes from September 29, 2015 (Second: Peter Blass) . Minutes approved unanimously.

MOTION: (Mariana Mitova). Move to approve minutes from October 20, 2015 (Second: Peter Blass). Minutes approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Clean Air Senate Resolution: Monica Longmore from the Clean Air Committee presented a resolution to be voted on by SEC. The committee looked at best practices from other universities and suggests that BGSU follow the best practices by enacting a complete smoking ban on all BGSU campuses.

Discussion: SEC members were concerned that a complete smoking ban would not be enforceable. At this point even with the current partial ban, there is a lack of enforcement. Monica Longamore indicated that the committee felt that if we change the culture then individual behaviors would begin to change as well. It was also discussed that smoking is very addictive and a complete ban on smoking could discourage students who smoke especially if there is not a good cessation plan. There was particular concern about Firelands and the fact that a student would actually have to drive somewhere in order to smoke, they cannot just walk across the street and be off campus. Another concern was with the community, that if smoking was completely eliminated on campus, then students might go throughout the community to smoke. Monica Longamore also discussed that a complete ban on smoking is

consistent with universities in Ohio and across the country. There was also a discussion that this policy may not work, and there should be a less strict policy enacted and review the stricter policy at a later date. Maryam Kamran stated that the graduate students were not comfortable with changing the policy, 80% felt that there should be designated smoking areas. It could also make it difficult to recruit students who smoke.

Peter Blass brought up a procedural issue. It was determined that in order to bring the resolution to the senate floor, a current senator has to do so. Unfortunately, Monica Longmore is no longer a faculty senator, she represented faculty senate on the committee last year, however, her term has expired. Therefore, she is unable to bring the resolution to the senate floor. After, several recommendations Stephanie Walls chair of Com/Com volunteered to take the resolution to the faculty senate floor. It was decided that there were several changes that needed to be made to the resolution before sending it to the senate floor. SEC presented the changes and they were made to the document.

Call for Question to send resolution with changes to senate floor (Victor Senn) Second Call for Question (Tim Brackenbury). Motion passed. To be reviewed by SEC. Revised Resolution is attached below:

Bowling Green State University Faculty Senate Resolution

Faculty Senate endorses the Smoke and Tobacco Free Policy at Bowling Green State University and commits Bowling Green State University Faculty to work to achieving its aims.

WHEREAS: the Faculty Senate represents the faculty voice at Bowling Green State University; and

WHEREAS: in an effort to be a unified, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Tobacco Free College Campus Initiative and the Ohio Board of Regents recommendations regarding tobacco use on college campuses; and

WHEREAS: the implementation of a Tobacco and Smoke Free Policy is important to the health and well-being of the campus community and environment; and

WHEREAS: the Tobacco and Smoke Free Policy will support faculty, staff, and student health, by changing tobacco use behavior, decreasing exposure to tobacco products and secondhand smoke, decreasing exposure to new and emerging tobacco and nicotine products, and eliminating tobacco litter on campus; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Faculty Senate strongly endorses and supports the Smoke and Tobacco Free Policy and encourages all faculty to educate and implement it within and across their disciplines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Faculty Senate calls upon President Mazey to endorse and recommend the policy to the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Faculty Senate calls upon the Board of Trustees to endorse and adopt the Smoke and Tobacco Free Policy as a university policy and to support faculty in its implementation.

CAA: Graduate College Policy: David Border from CAA brought some graduate college policy changes that had been approved by CAA. They are as follows:

1. Academic Progress- The policy change was approved by the Graduate Council on 12-11-14. The rationale for the policy change: Increased clarity throughout, increased consistency between grading standards (3.0=Acceptable) and Doctoral minimum GPA 3.2 changed to 3.0 to match the grading standard.

Discussion: There was a concern that the students would be able to get more “C” grades before a success plan was initiated.

Motion to approve changes to academic progress policy (Arne Spohr), Second (Mariana Mitova). Motion carried.

2. Advanced Undergraduate Status Policy- The policy was approved by Graduate Council 2-12-15. The rationale is that information is added at the end to increase clarity and completeness. 12 hours changed to 9 hours to be consistent with transfer policy (9 credits max).

Discussion: There is a clarification to allow 150 credit hours minimum 120 undergraduate and 30 graduate. This makes it consistent with the State of Ohio transfer policy.

Motion to approve revision to advanced undergraduate status policy (Tim Brankenbury), Second (Kerry Fan). Motion carried.

3. Final Exam Policy- Policy approved by Graduate Council 3-19-15. The change is from 3 weeks to 2 weeks time allotted for the student to publicize the date to the campus community before the final oral examination is to be held.

Motion to approve changes (Tim Brankenbury) Second (Kerry Fan). Motion carried.

4. Grade Appeals- Policy approved 5-7-15 by full Graduate Council vote. The last paragraph was added to increase clarity. The paragraph reads as follows:

Graduate college grade appeal committees serve on an ad-hoc basis, with members chosen based on "Grievance Board Membership" guidelines. Grade appeal hearing procedures follow the "Grievance Board Hearing Procedures."

Discussion: It was discussed at this point there were no guidelines for choosing persons for the grade appeal committee. Therefore the reason for this change was to follow the same procedures that are used to choose members for the Grievance Board memberships. There was a concern that the actual procedures are not spelled out in the document. The procedures are found under appeals policy in the general counsel documents on the general counsel website 3341,3-3. It was suggested that the link to the website needs to be embedded in the document. It was concluded that changes needed to be made, and the document will be sent back to Alex Goberman who will make the decision, whether or not to send it back to Graduate Council who will then send it to CAA and back to SEC.

5. Incomplete Policy- Policy approved by Graduate Council 12-11-15. Rationale for policy change was to increase clarity. The addition of the term "stated above" describing the fall, spring, and summer semester deadlines that students have to petition the dean. This added clarity and distinction to the deadlines.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Motion to approve the changes (Tim Brackenbury), Second (Peter Blass). Motion carried.

6. Preliminary Exam Policy- Approved by Graduate Council 3-19-15. The change was made from 90 credit hours to 60 credit hours completion above a bachelor's degree where a student will be eligible to take the preliminary exam. This was done to make it more of a realistic number.

Discussion: Students can take preliminary exam earlier in the doctoral program. This policy accommodates programs that want to test earlier, but does not inhibit programs that test later.

Motion: to accept policy change (Peter Blass), Second (Kerry Fan). Motion carried.

7. Research Support Policy- Approved by council November 2014. The rationale is to increase clarity, update, and increases access to more student groups.

Discussion: There was a discussion that the support needs to include not only thesis and dissertation, but also final project as well.

Motion to approve changes with editorial addition of "final project" (Tim Brackenbury) Second (Peter Blass). Motion passed.

Amorous Relations Policy: Vice Chair Hippler discussed that this was a vote for approval to send to Amendments and Bylaws for wording. A & B will then send to CAA for approval and it

will then come back to SEC. We need to make sure that it is consistent with the charter language. We need to have a policy that applies to all employees. This policy was tabled for further discussion.

Motion to table for further discussion (Rachelle Hippler), Second (Peter Blass). Policy tabled.

ISSUES/CONCERNS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Tim Brackenbury motioned to adjourn Maryam Kamran second. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Robyn Miller, secretary: November 1, 2015