

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

January 17, 2017

Assembly Room
McFall Center

CALL TO ORDER: 2:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Quorum present.

CHAIR REMARKS

Chair of Faculty Senate: Rachelle Hippler-

Chair Hippler welcomed senators and guests to the 5th Faculty Senate meeting of the academic year 2016-2017. As we look ahead this year we have four main initiatives to keep on our radar.

1. New calendar

- a. Moving to 15-week semester for Fall and Spring
- b. Adding a new 3-week “Winter” session
- c. Potential go live AY 18-19.
- d. You will hear more from the Provost and VPAA

2. University-wide Student Evaluation of Teaching and Learning

- a. See Senate website for more information: <http://www.bgsu.edu/faculty-senate/university-wide-evaluation-of-teaching-and-learning.html>
- b. **Phase I: Identify questions**
 - i. Seven questions were piloted at the end of the fall semester
 - ii. A report will be provided in the next few weeks
 - iii. Open forums will be held at the Teaching & Learning Fair
- c. **Phase II: Implementation**
 - i. A-Deans from each college make up this committee
 - ii. Selection of the tool to administer the evaluation
 - iii. Start discussions with your A-Deans and Department Chairs regarding how this can support your teaching and student learning

3. University-wide Policy Alignment

- a. This is a good opportunity to review our Academic Charter to make sure that it accurately describes our policies and procedures.
- b. A preliminary review of the charter identified places where policies in the charter are out of date or in conflict with the CBA.
- c. SEC will determine next steps based on processes outlined in the charter.

4. Textbook Affordability

- a. Check email for an invitation to participate on the newly formed ad hoc committee.
- b. This committee will work with the constituent groups on campus, to identify what faculty are doing, what students need, and how we can work together to continue to improve textbook affordability - *without sacrificing academic freedom or access to quality learning materials.*

Chair Hippler also reminded Senators that **senate elections** will happen at our April 4th meeting. Please explore the senate website for information regarding our senate committees and consider serving on these important committees:

<http://www.bgsu.edu/faculty-senate/committees.html>

Chair Hippler also provided an update on our commitment to BGSU as a safe space for diversity, inclusion, and intellectual freedom. She shared her sadness that some of our students and staff are beginning this semester with worries about deportation and thanked Professors Walsh and Moreno for bringing attention to this issue and proactively seeking protection for undocumented people.

At the local level, SEC discussed sanctuary campus petitions and resolutions at the November meeting. SEC again discussed the topic at the January meeting. Both times, SEC affirmed its commitment to BGSU as a safe space for diversity, inclusion, and intellectual freedom, however, the legal ramifications of such proposals concerned us. The Chair, David, and Robyn shared these concerns with the President, Provost and Secretary to the Board of Trustees during our pre-senate meetings.

At the state level, the Ohio Faculty Council and the Inner-University Council, both of which BGSU is a member, have taken the position to support federal legislation to protect our students, should protection become necessary. The BRIDGE ACT is bipartisan legislation whose intent is to allow people who are eligible for or who have received work authorization and temporary relief from deportation through Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) to continue living in the U.S. with permission from the federal government. A copy of the letter to Senator Portman and the resolution were provided with the printed materials.

Chair Hippler will keep Senate updated as more information becomes available.

January 13, 2017

The Honorable Rob Portman
United States Senate
448 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Portman,

The faculty leaders at Ohio's 14 public four-year universities thank Senators Lindsey Graham, Dick Durbin, Lisa Murkowski, Dianne Feinstein, Jeff Flake, and Chuck Schumer for their introduction of the BRIDGE Act. We very much appreciate the support that the BRIDGE Act would provide to the many public university students in Ohio that are currently facing uncertainty over their immigration status.

More than 700,000 individuals nationwide have benefited from the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. The more than 20,000 DACA students on our campuses at public universities in Ohio have enriched the learning environment and brought extraordinary talent to our state. We appreciate that to be eligible for the DACA program that these students must not have been convicted of a felony, a significant misdemeanor, or three or more other misdemeanors, or have been otherwise found to be a threat to national security or public safety. Beyond that though, we have found them to be actively serving their local communities and economies. In short, they have proven to be an important asset to our society.

The Ohio Faculty Council stands in support of these students who arrived on our campuses with a belief in promises made by the government of the United States of America. We support the BRIDGE Act because it sends a clear and compelling message of support to the students who have directly benefited from the DACA program. We look forward to working closely with you, members of the United States Senate, and other policy makers who will stand up for and favor a fair policy treating these students with the respect that they have earned.

Sincerely,

Dan E. Krane,
Chair, Ohio Faculty Council

Chet Cooper,
Vice Chair, Ohio Faculty Council

cc: The Honorable Sherrod Brown, United States Senate
The Honorable Lindsey Graham, United States Senate
The Honorable Richard Durbin, United States Senate
The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, United States Senate
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, United States Senate
The Honorable Jeff Flake, United States Senate
The Honorable Charles Schumer, United States Senate

SUPPORT FOR BENEFICIARIES OF THE DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS
(DACA) PROGRAM

Whereas, The Ohio Faculty Council represents the faculty at all of the four-year public universities in the State of Ohio and espouses strong and consistent faculty influence on issues and policies related to higher education;

Whereas, More than 700,000 individuals nationwide have benefited from the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and students who are eligible for the DACA program must not have been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three or more other misdemeanors, or otherwise be deemed a threat to national security or public safety;

Whereas, DACA students on our campuses have proven to be an important asset to our society by enriching our learning environments and by being exemplary student scholars and student leaders as they actively serve their local communities and economies;

Whereas, More than 20,000 Ohio students who have been raised and educated in the United States are facing great difficulty because of the indeterminate status of the DACA program;

Whereas, the BRIDGE (Bar Removal of Individuals Who Dream of Growing our Economy) Act that was introduced by Sens. Dick Durban (D-IL) and Lindsey Graham (R-SC) on December 9, 2016 seeks to provide “provisional protected presence” to certain non-U.S. citizens, which would include authorization to work in the U.S. and protection from deportation, the two main benefits that DACA currently provides, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, The Ohio Faculty Council strongly supports passage of the BRIDGE Act

COMMUNICATIONS

President: Dr. Mary Ellen Mazey:

President Mazey welcomed everyone back to campus and wished everyone a productive semester. She commented that she was looking forward to working with everyone in building BGSU’s future.

She noted that a priority over the past five years has been enrollment and that we monitor the enrollment and retention numbers carefully. Spring 2017 enrollment is up 1.2 percent and retention is about equal to last year’s fall to spring retention. Fall freshmen applications, admits and yield are up four percent over last year at this time. Enrollment numbers look very strong to meet the established goals.

The President said that the University is anxiously awaiting the Governor’s proposed budget for the next two-year budget. It should be released in early February. Because revenues have been below projections, the University could have a budget of no increases

for higher education. Therefore, at the current time the University is carefully reviewing its proposed budget for next year.

Dr. Mazey reported that she chaired an effort that brought together the community colleges executive committee and the Inter-University Council executive committee of presidents. The group agreed on a document of guiding principles that will be used with the Governor, Senate and House of Representatives as we move forward to promote all of Ohio's public higher education in the next budget.

H.B. 48 did pass in the lame duck session of the state legislature in December. To change the current ban on conceal carry, the Board of Trustees would need to do so. President Mazey will recommend that the University continue its current policy of not allowing concealed weapons to be carried in the open on the campus.

Finally, the President addressed the discussion about BGSU becoming a sanctuary campus. She said that on December 29, 2016, she joined the other public university presidents in Ohio in signing a letter to Senators Brown and Portman. The letter states that the presidents are in favor of legislation that would provide students admitted under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program with work authorization and provisional protected status from deportation. The presidents are supporting the Bridge Act now before the U.S. Senate. The University will continue to work on the behalf of our DACA students, but will do so through the legislative process. All of BGSU's international students have completed the documented process before they arrived. As a public university, BGSU is required to follow all laws and a large percentage of our budget is linked to the federal government. She said that the University will follow all federal laws and will not support the petition to become a sanctuary campus.

Questions:

Q: Julie Haught- Declaring not to support a sanctuary campus, will you revisit this in the future?

A: Pres. Mazey- As a public university we must follow the federal law, 68% of our funding is tied to federal funding.

Provost/VPAA: Dr. Rodney Rogers:

Enrollment – Continues to be strong at the UG level. Graduate admissions are down but we are up in terms of application. FTFT retention rates are running behind last year by a small number thus we need to be diligent to ensure we retain our students for next fall. Linked Courses – Integrate Across Disciplines program – Themed Linked Courses (TLC) – Deadline is Feb 3 to Kim Brooks.

Academic Term – Fall 2018 – Move towards a 15 week semester from a 16 week semester. This would allow us to begin to offer an intersession as a part of the spring term. The earliest this would be considered would be Fall of 2018. The Board will consider this change conceptually this February. We will continue to work with the BGSU-FA and the various governance groups to move towards this objective.

Questions:

Q: Julie Haught- Will the intersession be attached to Spring term?

A: Provost Rogers- The committee looked at this benchmark will probably treat it as Spring or attach it to Summer.

Q: Julie Haught- What about compensation?

A: Provost Rogers- We will be in discussions with the BGSU-FA concerning this issue.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion topic: Sustainability at BGSU: Where Are We, and Where are We Going?
 - Bruce Meyer, Assistant V.P. of Campus Operations
 - Nick Hennessy, BGSU Sustainability Manager
 - Josh Chamberland, Grad Assistant

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Sustainability at BGSU: Where are We? Where Are We Going?





BGSU Office of Campus Sustainability

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Campus Sustainability

- » Within Campus Operations
- » Come a long way since 2009
- » One of first Sustainability positions in Ohio: Now over 30 schools have such an office/position
- » From ideas/volunteers/"Pilot initiatives"...then
- » To ACUPCC, formal goals/Plan, Princeton ranking, Emissions monitoring, formal internships/academic partnerships, Green Fund, LEED buildings and more now.






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BGSU's Sustainability Goals

- 1. Reduction of Emissions:**
(Done primarily through President's Climate Commitment and our Climate Action Plan);
- 2. Reduction of Waste/Conservation of Resources:**
Increasing recycling and diversion rates; decreasing what's thrown out;
- 3. Sustainability Education/Outreach:**
Our role as an institution of higher education.






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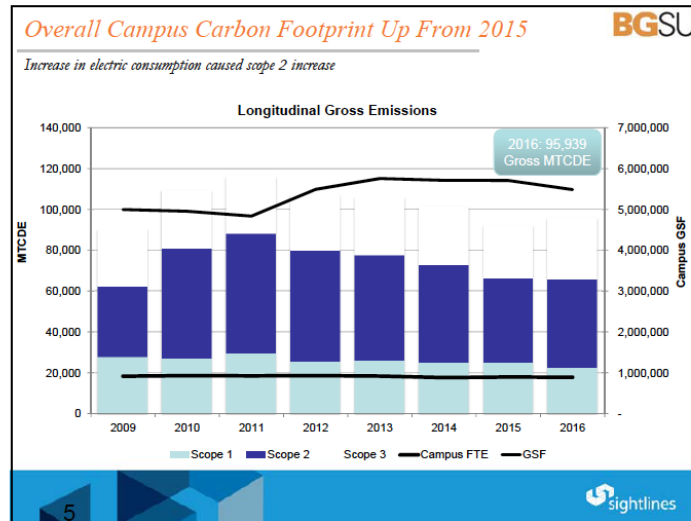
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Reduction of Emissions: Examples

- » Membership in ACUPCC (n/k/a "Climate Leadership Network") since 2012
- » Pledge of Climate Neutrality by 2040;
- » CAP on file; updated every year
- » Greenhouse Gas Inventory filed annually
- » Profile of purchased electricity from City of BG becoming "greener" with greater percentage of renewables;
- » Prospect of renewable energy generation
- » "ECM"s in buildings such as BAS, LED's, etc



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Waste Reduction/Increase in Diversion: Examples

- » Single Stream Recycling and Education/promotion
- » Surplus Re-Use (Warehousing)
- » Re-Store (Office Supplies, smaller items: Kreischer; monthly events;
- » Electronics Recycling: AIM E-Cycling
- » The Move to Zero Waste at the Doyt (Green Game Day) and other athletic venues: 50.1 % average diversion, fall 2016;
- » Pre-Consumer Composting: 32 Tons in 2016
- » WYMO: End of year donation drive: 10 tons in 2016
- » LEED construction/renovation



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Education/Outreach: Examples


- » Partnerships with Dept. of Environment & Sustainability:
 - » Class involvement in Campus Operations/Sustainability projects
 - » Program assessments, Proposals, Impact Statements, Service Projects for specific classes, Native Prairie Intern
- » Student Internships & Assistantships: General, WYMO, Orange Bike, Green Athletics
- » Service Project volunteers: 1112 volunteers and 1800 hours of service in 2015!
- » Student memberships on Student Green Fund Committee
- » Training: SOAR, Residence Life, Depts, Offices, Divisions;
- » Partnerships with City of B.G.: Muni Utilities internship, Special Events, Solid Waste Committee;
- » Green Office Certification

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Student Green Initiatives Fund

- » Created by Students in 2009 and debuted in 2010;
- » Opt-Out fee of \$5 per student per semester;
 - » Avg. participation of 88.8%
- » ~\$530,000 has been invested in green projects
- » Examples:
 - » Emissions Reduction: LED Lighting, Hybrid Recycling Truck; EV stations
 - » Waste Reduction: Composting, Enhanced Recycling
 - » Education: Sustainability Feasibility Study, Waste Audit, Energy Dashboards



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What's Next for Sustainability at BGSU?

- » Climate Action Plan/Carbon Footprint Reduction is ongoing: Attempting average of 4% annual reduction
- » Renewable Energy Feasibility Study (funded in part by Green Fund): Final Report received December, 2016
- » Plan continues to be combo of reducing energy usage and introduction of renewable energy
- » Campus-Wide Sustainability Committee
- » STARS program: Nationwide Benchmarking
 - » Need for Faculty sustainability research database
- » Expand University Community support/involvement
 - » More offices/areas in Green Office Certification

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What's Next (continued)

- » Expand University Community support/involvement
- » Collaborate with Purchasing
- » Drive up our Diversion Rate; reach Zero Waste in specific venues;
- » Leverage sustainability in recruitment
- » Increase awareness and promotion





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Questions:

Q: Jim Evans- You are doing a fantastic job. There is a link between sustainability and other issues like exhaust and healthy people. It is astonishing that we do not have an arboretum. Sustainability is linked to public health issues, we should see that here.

Q: Alyson Wilson- We have an arboretum at Firelands.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS:- Joseph Robertshaw:

The financial needs of the Grad Assistants this term have become, for many, more dire than in times past due to the administrative practice of attaching the GA's contracted stipends to an hourly wage distribution method. GAs have not been paid since Dec 30 and will not be paid again until the half pay on Jan 27. If you as faculty see a grad student in need please direct them to "The Link" and to the First United Methodist Church. The Link will assist in many ways and the First United Methodist Church will offer food on the first Friday on each month at 10:00 am. GSS thanks the Faculty for their support in this time of need.

REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

Committee on Academic Affairs (CAA): N/A

Committee on Professional Affairs (CPA): N/A

Adjunct Faculty Committee (AFC): N/A

Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee (FAAC): N/A

Committee on Committees (COM/COM): N/A

Amendments and Bylaws (A&B): N/A

There were no reports from constituent groups.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn- Jane Wheeler, Second- Craig Zirbel

Respectfully submitted: Robyn Miller, Secretary