



FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

April 3, 2018
2:30-4:30pm - FS Meeting

Assembly Room, McFall

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

CHAIR

REMARKS

- Dr. David Border, Faculty Senate Chair- Please remember that our next meeting is during exam week. Please try to come.

PRESENTATIONS

- Memorial Resolution - Dr. Steven Krakoff-
 - Pat Pauken read the resolution
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Motion SEC, Second Melissa Miller, unanimously approved.

- The Honorable Senator Gardner, Ohio Senator from Senate District 2-
 - ❖ Thank you for what you do for higher education. Not everyone values higher education.
 - ❖ There were a number of projects approved for BGSU that includes: hospitality, nursing, tourism, etc.
 - ❖ Just Google income levels per degree, there is an improvement in income the higher the degree obtained.
 - ❖ Post tenure review should be done at the local level not the State level. I was able to convince the Senate to remove that portion from the bill. Involvement caused me to understand this issue.

- ❖ HB 512 would merge the department of higher education and workforce development. I do not look for that to become law.
- ❖ HB 66 will create an undergrad mission study committee. I see an opportunity for higher education and faculty should be included in this process.
- ❖ SB 216- CCP taken on college campuses and high schools. There was a discussion about making colleges and high schools pay for the textbooks. The textbook language was not included.

Questions:

Q: David Border- HB66 undergrad mission study requires all tenure track faculty to participate in teaching undergraduate courses.

A: Senator Gardner- Was faculty teaching mandate instead of committee. Anything in the Bill that concerns you, please let me know.

Q: David Border- Senate passed a resolution for sales tax exemption on textbooks.

A: Sen Gardner- Cost of textbook is an ongoing concern. Sales tax helps revenue; we are getting push back from counties about loss of revenue.

Q: Megan Rancier- State share of instruction what do you think of prospects of change in that over the next few years?

A: Sen Gardner- If the State of Ohio had the same level of retainment as the national level, we would definitely invest. Ohio has not kept up, it has the slowest rate of tuition increase in the country. Some of these efforts to reduce cost work against the student causing them to have to go to school longer making it more expensive.

COMMUNICATIONS

(Note: See back of agenda for summary updates from groups not reporting from the floor.)

- Dr. Rodney Rogers, President

President Rodney Rogers discussed the one day of giving at BGSU. The concept is to further engage current donors and to acquire new donors. .

The President then acknowledged Sen. Randy Gardner and thanked him for supporting higher education. BGSU's share of the State's capital bill may be larger than in the past 10 years. BGSU has been allocated \$20 million for infrastructure improvements.

At a previous Senate meeting, President Rogers asked Senators for some responses to specific questions. The top eight areas for satisfaction were: promote student success, student learning, student engagement, cultivating global citizens, improving quality of students' lives through education, assisting students in jobs placement, fostering an environment where the persistent pursuit of knowledge is the top priority, teaching in the state-of-the-art facilities, teaching in smaller classes, successful collaboration with faculty on research. These accounted for 82 percent of the responses.

The top nine concerns were: decreasing public support, trend of increasing adjunct faculty, moving toward an online model of teaching and delivering classes, increasing faculty-to-student ratio, BGSU brand is getting lost, helping faculty to embrace current higher education trends, lack of transparency from the leadership team, relying heavily on private support, letting donors and external partners have too much control. Most of these responses were grouped into one of these categories.

President Rogers also discussed the Strategic Plan open forums planned for both campuses. He encouraged faculty to drop in and discuss issues relating to higher education and to BGSU. There will be six different stations. The dates for the forums are: April 10, 18 and 26 for main campus, and April 11 for Firelands. President Rogers passed out more index cards and asked faculty to answer yes or no to the question “Is there a difference between a public university and a private university in their societal roles”? If the answer is NO nothing else needs to be written, if the answer is YES, he asked that additional information be provided.

- Dr. John Fischer, Interim Provost and Senior Vice President

One Day of Giving helped us reach out to alumni to support student experiences and to continue to fund undergraduate research; our undergraduate research applications have doubled since last year. Dr. Fischer explained that we need to finish strong to help with student retention. If faculty see a student struggling, please alert the university in order that the student can obtain help. Retention looks strong and enrollment looks strong as well. There were 320 students visiting on campus Friday. Dr Fischer described the new phase of guaranteed transfer pathways. There was a State law passed that requires by December of 2018 that BGSU will have agreements with community colleges for transfer credits. Students will be able to transfer 60-65 credits from a community college and then will be able to complete 60-62 credit at BGSU and obtain a bachelor’s degree. This will increase the number of transfer students that come to BGSU.

Questions:

Q: Allen Rogel- Are there any specific efforts to track students who come in and see if they are successful?

A: John Fischer- Higher ed now tags all courses and track them to the original institution.

Q: Alyson Wilson- Will business management associate degrees have to retake tech courses?

A: John Fischer- We will have to look at the courses to see what is required. Transfer students tend to have a higher GPA.

Q: David Border- Sen Gardner mentioned that we contact him. There is a policy that forbids this, we are reviewing this with SEC.

A: John Fischer- I will work with SEC to review this.

OLD BUSINESS

- Fall 2018 Semester Calendar, Instructional Time (no vote taken)
 - Guest: Dr. Shelia Roberts, Acting Vice Provost for Academic Affairs- Please see

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Questions:

Q: Allen Rogel What about snow days?

A: Sheila Roberts- Faculty will need to make up snow days.

Q: Michelle Heckman_ We will have a conflict with the 3 credit that will not have enough computers.

A: Sheila Roberts- Chris Cox will work out something.

NEW BUSINESS

- Addresses/Updates
 - Elections
 - Senate Offices & Senate Standing Committees- David Border, University Standing Committees will vote next week.

Questions:

Q: Alyson Wilson- It is hard for faculty from Firelands to serve on CAA because it meets on Wednesday mornings.

A: David Border- We can correspond on that, we have 9 other members.

- B.S. Medical Laboratory Science Degree Program
 - Guest: Ms. Jessica Bankey, MLS Program Director- Please see link: https://falconbgsu-my.sharepoint.com/:p:/g/personal/jdecker_bgsu_edu/EUc4jSsvYRZCmXwi91Ra3N0BQ2QPKx_TEwu7561dFlAlIQ?e=G7q7sd

Questions:

Q: Juan Bouzat- How many students are in this program?

A: Jessica Bankey- Average around 16, there are 24 seats, we rely on the clinical sites at the hospital but they are experience a shortage of staff right now.

Motion- SEC, Second Michelle Heckman, degree changes pass. 52 for, 2 against, 2 abstain.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(Note: See back of agenda for summary updates from groups not reporting from the floor.)

- Senate Standing Committees
 - Committee on Academic Affairs (CAA)
 - Committee on Professional Affairs (CPA)

- Adjunct Faculty Committee (AFC)
 - Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee (FAAC)
 - Committee on Committees (Com/Com)
 - Committee on Amendments and Bylaws (A&B)
- University Committees
 - Adhoc Committees, Work Groups
 - Charter Revision ad-hoc Committee- The more substantive changes in Charter will be conducted in the fall.
 - Transportation ad-hoc Committee
 - BGSU Faculty Association- Francisco Cabanillas-

1. The membership of the next BGSU Faculty Association negotiating team was announced today: In case you did not see the announcement, the six members include Steve Demuth from Sociology and Chief Negotiator; Joel O'Dorisio from the School of Art and Director of the Arts Village; Megan Rancier, Ethnomusicology, College of Musical Arts; Amy Robinson, Latin American Studies, Dept of WRLD Languages and Literatures; Charlie Stelle, Gerontology, College of Health and Human Services, and Stephanie Walls, Political Science and from Firelands.

2. The FA is making office visits in order to facilitate communication. Please contact Vera Lux if you are unsure about your membership status, and if you have special concerns or would like to be involved in office visits, Becky Mancuso is spearheading that initiative.

3. This is a reminder that with negotiations for the new contract to begin this summer, the FA Bargaining Council is looking for volunteers to help conduct research on faculty concerns. As a volunteer, you can work on any issue or issues that interest you. If you are interested in serving as a researcher, please contact Mike Kimaid at Michael.Kimaid@bgsu-fa.org

ISSUES AND CONCERNS/SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

ITEMS ADJOURNMENT

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Senators are expected to stay through adjournment.

