

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

November 7, 2017

Assembly Room
McFall Center

CALL TO ORDER: 2:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Quorum present.

CHAIR REMARKS

Chair of Faculty Senate: David Border- Welcome to our Faculty Senate meeting! Please begin roll call. There will be a forum on electronic student evaluations. The President's Advisory Committee on Sustainability is in need of a faculty member. Are there any nominations?

Jim Evans- I nominate Neocles Leontis.

David Border- Are there any other nominations?

David Border- Nominations are closed. We will reorder the agenda to vote.

Vote on Neocles Leontis becoming a member of the President's Advisory Committee on Sustainability was a unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

President: Dr. Mary Ellen Mazey:

Provost/VPAA: Dr. Rodney Rogers:

- * Registration for undergraduates is showing positive signs.
- * Retention rates are very good from Fall to Spring of last year.
- * The textbook issue is an important topic. I want to thank the Senate ad hoc committee. There is a resolution I will be sharing with a group of Provosts.
- * The change in the academic calendar is moving forward. We will go from 16-week to 15-week semesters with a Winter term by Fall 2018.
- * We are working through the governance system to have a plus/minus grading scale. The final recommendations will be presented to Undergraduate and Graduate Councils. This would align us with our peer institutions.

* There is discussion for Ohio public institutions to have a 4-year tuition guarantee. We are looking at this for Fall 2018.

Questions:

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Presentation/Updates(vote taken)
 - Dr. Hennessy, Climate Action Plan- periodic report, please see Powerpoint presentation link: https://falconbgsu-my.sharepoint.com/personal/robyngm_bgsu_edu/_layouts/15/guestaccess.aspx?docid=13df46a281dd241a780c093812171a9e3&authkey=AcA0z4seLcsYqvclk_-6-5k&e=1ef6e3ef72e144a1af03e6bdd56c3828
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Questions:

Q: Allen Rogel- Is there a chance to put wind turbines or solar energy at the golf course?

A: Dr. Hennessy- We are looking at potential uses for the golf course.

Q: Neocles Leontis- Is everything situated for the retro fitting of the geo thermal?

A: Dr. Hennessy- We are looking at a quick payback to use less energy.

Q: No Name Given- What about electric car chargers on campus?

A: Dr. Hennessy- There are three that are grant funded.

Q: Kerry Fan-What about an incentive for faculty to use more efficient cars?

A: Dr. Hennessy- Committee could entertain a discussion on this.

- University Libraries, Dean Sara Bushong- Textbook Affordability
Please see powerpoint presentation: https://falconbgsu-my.sharepoint.com/personal/robyngm_bgsu_edu/_layouts/15/guestaccess.aspx?docid=1de3d3a456f884c9e856ef05faf3cb6a9&authkey=ASYgH17h-VOV0oMmd7fj6g&e=0638f26e25b842b884cdffe65c136e21
- Resolution- Textbook Costs- Please see link: https://falconbgsu-my.sharepoint.com/personal/robyngm_bgsu_edu/_layouts/15/guestaccess.aspx?docid=1c4ef8bef68b2408bbf7c7a0262fa54c9&authkey=AWyfCwnAMplu69iKF Ap0W0E&e=4cec5d93b9d24f198f2594505310d138

Textbook Resolution SEC approved Motion, second (Peter Blass). Discussion:

Allen Rogel- The title of the resolution should read Resolution on Exempting Textbooks from Ohio Sale Tax.

Ann Gordon- There should be a change in section three should read exempts/excepts instead of exempt/except.

Motion to change title from Resolution on Reducing Higher Education Textbook Costs in Ohio to Resolution on Exempting Textbooks from Ohio Sales Tax- Allen Rogel, Second- Craig Zirbel.

Verbal Vote unanimous.

Call to Question- Allen Rogel.

Resolution passes 51 for, 2 against, 2 abstain

- New Graduate Policy- Admissions deferral (vote taken)
 - Dr. Alex Goberman, Associate Dean, Graduate College- See link to document: https://falconbgsu-my.sharepoint.com/personal/robyngm_bgsu_edu/_layouts/15/guestaccess.aspx?docid=1b4277074d26a477189497cebcf0a69b4&authkey=AcbXeTJVHWXOE0CFbdik4Yo&e=a3cdce45f768459c9718141cf3646cea

Motion to vote on admissions deferral (Megan Rancier), Second (Michelle Heckman), Call to Questions- Scott Chappius.

Admission deferral approved 53 for, 0 against, 1 abstain.

- Curriculum Announcement (no vote taken)
 - A&S Biology-PreHealth new specialization- Approved by SEC on 10/1/2017. Please see link to documents: https://falconbgsu-my.sharepoint.com/personal/robyngm_bgsu_edu/_layouts/15/guestaccess.aspx?docid=1aa618e2ae99a403fad823aa44b28ee5b&authkey=AUbKbJZhJyolU0j5wOYeQjE&e=2b543951e0d94c7697eae2c1ba2a687d
- Curriculum Work
 - Music Certificate (no vote taken)- Please see link to document: https://falconbgsu-my.sharepoint.com/personal/robyngm_bgsu_edu/_layouts/15/guestaccess.aspx?docid=107f0fe3cc2ce44c6bfd36d937f966080&authkey=AdVQZA9T9CM8PKkfCNk8GHA&e=61eb3feb47a4fe18c32f7c98fb648a3
 - Music Elimination (vote taken)
 - Three specializations: Harpsichord, Church Music, Organ. Please see documentation:
 - Harpsichord
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Church Music

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Organ

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Motion to Eliminate programs (Allen Rogel), Second(Megan Rancier), Call to Questions (Scott Chappius).

Eliminations approved 50 for, 2 against, 3 abstain.

- Request for members on new ad-hoc committee on +/- grade scale

David Border- This is a new committee we do not have a charge yet, is there anyone interested in serving on this committee.

Geoff Meek- Wasn't there already a committee for this?

John Fischer- The committee consisted of several faculty members as well as administrators, it consists of:

- Andy Alt, Academic Affairs
- Brent Archer, Communication Sciences & Disorders (HHS)
- Tim Chambers, College of Business Administration
- Chris Cox, Registration & Records
- Kate Dailey, Firelands College
- Jodi Devine, Honors College
- Laney Fugett, Visual Communications Technology (TAAE)
- Dale Klopfer, College of Arts & Sciences
- Danielle Kuhl, Sociology (A&S)
- Jeff Miner, Biology (A&S)
- Mark Seals, School of Teaching and Learning (EDHD)
- Gene Trantham, Musicology/Composition/Theory (CMA)
- Philip Xie, School of HMSLS (EDHD)

Q: Geoff Meek- Will we still have a committee?

A: David Border- We will email requests if no one volunteers.

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):

Amendments and Bylaws (A&B): Allen Rogel- There has been an editorial charter revision that was sent to SEC. The Charter revision committee is handling university policies and working on potential if CBA was eliminated by the legislature.

Transportation ad hoc Committee-

ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted: Robyn Miller, Secretary