PROVOST JOINT SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

September 12, 2017

2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Olscamp 110

Members Present:  David Border (FS Chair), Frederick Polkinghorne (FS Vice Chair), Robyn Miller (FS Secretary), Stephanie Walls, Ken Borland, Megan Rancier, Peter Blass, Tim Brackenbury, Kerry Fan, Allen Rogel, Jane Wheeler, Rodney Rogers (Provost/VPAA)

Members Absent:  Scott Chappuis - GSS (excused), Richard Racette – USG (excused)

Guests – None

Approval of Minutes

Motion made to approve the 5/2/17 minutes.  Motioned by Tim Brackenberry.  Seconded by Megan Rancier.  Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Report - David Border

• Overview of Senate Meeting on 9/5/17.

Provost Report

• Update on enrollment status.  Freshman class size slight decrease, however increased SAT Score.
• Upcoming changes: academic calendar year change, +/- grades, and Ohio Tuition Guarantee.
• BGSU Ranked 109th by US News.

OLD BUSINESS

Academic Calendar Update

• 15 week term (14 class weeks & 1 exam week), new January winter session (3 week session), and no fall break.  CAA review of academic calendar change anticipated in near future.

-/+ Grading

• BGSU is one of the few state colleges not using +/- grading.
• Workgroup anticipates recommendation to CAA for implementation by Fall 2018.
• Discussion regarding software concerns and the possibility of making +/- optional for faculty use.

Charter Interpretation - Adjunct faculty given suffrage on charter revision votes.

• Allen Rogel reviewed interpretation process.
• Questions & discussion.
  Vote taken to end debate. Eight in favor. Three opposed. Vote passed and discussion ended.

A vote to interpret the charter as reading that only TTF & NTTF faculty are permitted to participate in a university wide charter revision referendum. Eight in favor, two opposed, vote passed.

School of the Built Environment
• David Border reviewed the sequence of SBE proposal, on 8/29/17 SEC receded vote to pass SBE.
• Updated SBE document received. CAA will review revised document.

Textbook ad-hoc committee Update/Questions from Senate
• Questions from the Senate floor were sent to the TBA adhoc committee for response.
• TAC Canvas portal in development.
• Dr. Ellen Gorsevski, Chair of TAC will present at 10/3/17 Senate meeting.

Ad-hoc Transportation Committee Update
• Meeting scheduled for September 25 – all welcome to attend.

Ohio Faculty Council
• Letter being drafted to Senator Portman on Bridge Act (DACA).

NEW BUSINESS

Policy of FS to Contact Legislators
• Policy reviewed and discussed.
• Policy will be referred to CPA and SEC.

Updated Charter Online
• State requirements limit the Charter from being posted in its current format. Bill Bulzar and Pat Pauken are addressing this concern.

Faculty Leave
• Faculty member concern regarding leave reporting was shared.

Division of Bill Bulzar’s Responsibilities
• Bill will be on campus one day per week. Susan Brown, Julie Mutuga, and Pat Pauken will provide interim support.

Committee on Professional Affairs
• Discussed CPA conducting legislative policy review.
• Contact James regarding CPA functions/vision.

SEC Appointments from Com/Com to serve on CPA
• Mathew Larvery - Assistant Professor School of Education, Foundation, Leadership & Policy
• Judith Edminster - Associate Professor, English
Motion made to appoint Mathew Larvery and Judith Edminster to CPA by SEC for a 1-year term. Motion made by Com/Com. Motion seconded by Stephanie Walls. Vote was unanimous.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

ADJOURNMENT

- David adjourned the meeting at 4:35pm.