

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

September 4, 2018
2:00-2:30pm Senator Reception
2:30-4:30pm FS Meeting

Assembly Room, McFall Center

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

CHAIR REMARKS

- Dr. David Border, Faculty Senate Chair- Welcome to the first meeting of Faculty Senate. We will begin roll call.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Dr. Rodney Rogers, President

This is an exciting time of the year with the beginning of the fall semester. Good news on the enrollment front, we have 6,648 new students at BGSU. Thank you for making this a very effective beginning of the year.

Open forums were held during the spring semester on both campuses, gathering faculty, staff, and student input for updating the University's strategic plan, resulting in over 600 unduplicated suggestions. The Cabinet sorted these suggestions into thematic categories, and these categories were then discussed and prioritized by the Deans and Cabinet over the summer. Consensus was reached on sixteen to priorities for the strategic plan, which were then reviewed and clarified by the BGSU Board of Trustees. Overall, input received from all constituencies is reflected in the proposed Focus on the Future draft document shared with Faculty Senate. Additional feedback on this draft will be solicited from the University community, including specific invitations to SEC and other University governance groups to provide comments and suggestions on the six primary objectives of the plan as well as the Vision and Mission statements.

The Vice President for University Advancement search is underway and an announcement of the new Vice President will take place very soon. A committee of 18 has reviewed and identified a pool of candidates for the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost position. Final candidates on campus mid fall and decision end of fall term.

- Dr. John Fischer, Interim Provost and Senior Vice President Enrollment- this is not the 15th day yet, things can change. Students are still enrolling in courses. The numbers are not finalized. Freshman, this is the fifth year in a row for the most academically prepared class with the highest average in GPA and ACT. Top scholars are up. It is also the most diverse class with 23% of color, we must create a welcoming environment. Firelands has had small growth. Firelands pathway has 215 students There has been a 35% growth in freshman for College of Technology, Architecture and Applied Engineering. College of Musical Arts has also grown at a rate that reached into double digits. Retention is up from last year. Business and A&S have a growth in retention.
- Performance based budgeting is still in the planning phases There has been a set of points in experiential activities. We are looking at all programs as well as colleges and programs. We are tracking details by unit.
- Under Ohio revised code we have to have a textbook policy, there are no parameters for the policy. Sarah Bushong from the Library will be chairing a committee with Faculty Senate including open ended resources and inclusive access.
- There is a 10% increase in international students.

Questions:

Joel O'Doriso- Q: What are we doing to recruit and retain a diverse faculty?

John Fischer- A: We have invitations for speakers concerning diversity and inclusion.

Allen Rogel- Q: What level of involvement is Faculty Senate?

John Fischer- A: As involved as you want to be.

OLD BUSINESS

- Status of 2017-18 Faculty Senate Actions Transmitted to the Board of Trustees (no vote taken)
Robyn Miller, FS Secretary
- Thank You - Dr. Steven Krokoff Memorial Resolution- Thank you card from Diane Krakoff, Steve Krakoff's widow.
Robyn Miller, FS Secretary
- Faculty Senate Provost Search Committee Representative - Since Dr. Frederick Polkinghorne is no longer at the University, his departure happened in the summer. Dr. David Border appointed Ms. Robyn Miller to represent Senate in the Provost search.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Parliamentary Procedure** - https://falconbgsu-my.sharepoint.com/personal/robyngm_bgsu_edu/_layouts/15/onedrive.aspx

[?sortField=Modified&isAscending=false&id=%2Fpersonal%2Frobyngm_bgsu_edu%2FDocuments%2FAttachments%2Frobertsrules2%281%29%2Epng&parent=%2Fpersonal%2Frobyngm_bgsu_edu%2FDocuments%2FAttachments](https://personal.frobyngm_bgsu_edu/Documents/Attachments/Frobertsrules2%281%29%2Epng&parent=%2Fpersonal%2Frobyngm_bgsu_edu/Documents/Attachments)

Dr. Allen Rogel, FS Parliamentarian

Questions:

Ann Gordon- Do you have to follow these rules? It seems like only about 1% of faculty understand them.

Allen Rogel- Not aware of other rules Robert's Rules is widely used.

Salim Elwanzani- Are we committed to these rules?

Allen Rogel- Charter and Senate bylaws usually operate under Robert's Rules

- **Senate Awards, Lifetime Achievement Award** - Chair David Border- Last academic year the Life Time Achievement is for tenured faculty only. SEC has voted to move on an award for NTTF faculty with their own Life Time Achievement Award.
- **Ohio Link's Textbook Affordability and Inclusive Access** -volunteers requested from the floor)- Textbook affordability included conference the 28th of Sept. invitation extended to faculty senate. We would like volunteers from the floor.
 - Role of Immediate Past Chair -)https://falconbgsu-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/person/robyngm_bgsu_edu/Edl7TsC7IJRMrjeoWEAKToUBaWTNbmSuFnvAXzUozS2qlw?e=7rnAsj- This resolution was passed at SEC.

Motion: SEC Motion Carol Heckman (Second)

Discussion- Bill Albertini- Who brought the motion? Chair Border- we worked together as a team. Faculty Senate leadership worked as a team, if would be nice to have someone to go to questions?

Call to question Matt Lavery, Second Michelle Heckman

Resolution passes 50 for, 9 against, 2 abstain

- Vacancies
 - Senators - There is a vacancy in Business
 - Senate Executive Committee – There is vacancies in HHS and Business
 - Vice Chair -We are in need of Vice Chair, the Vice Chair is Vice Chair for one year, and Chair for one year, so it is a two year commitment. We would like the Vice Chair to be elected in October but no later than the November Senate meeting .You can self nominate.

Question:

Joel O'Dorisio- Q: People in first year and third year are not eligible, maybe we should change Charter language.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

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- 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
- Ad hoc Committees, Work Groups
 - Charter Revision ad-hoc Committee
 - Transportation ad-hoc Committee

- BGSU Faculty Association - Joel O'Dorisio- FA & Administration are in negotiations we are looking forward to a collaborative experience We will be holding monthly updated meetings. Your faculty rep will be who you will communicate with.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS/SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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