

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES // February 4, 2020
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM // OLSCAMP 101

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL

CHAIR REMARKS // Jenn Stucker, 2019 – 20 Faculty Senate Chair

- Senate awards are due Feb 10. Opening up nominations for Faculty Senate elections today. Newly elected Senators are listed. We will be holding elections in March this year instead of April.

COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Rodney Rogers, President

- Welcome back to Spring 2020. At the end of fall semester, we hosted a series of open forums across campus. Thank you to all who participated in the discussions about the strategic plan. We appreciate your advice and in particular will address the comment that we need to do a better job of communicating updates. There are six overall objectives and three imperatives: 1. Redefining student success; 2. Increasing and connecting research/creative activity to public good; and 3. Empowering and supporting our people to achieve excellence. You will hear more about these imperatives today in Provost Whiteheads report. The Provost and I will be inviting all full time faculty to the University House over the course of spring semester to engage in conversations about how we move the strategic plan and university forward.
- BGSU's first day enrollment for spring semester is up – in both student head count and student credit hours. This is very good news in light of the decreasing demographics and that many other institutions in Ohio are experiencing enrollment decreases. Our numbers for Fall 2020 are up in applications and admits.
- Presidents Day on Monday, February 17th is an important time for prospective students and families to visit campus. Student reservations are up 200 this year. The positive experience and interaction with faculty and staff is so critical to students selecting BGSU. Thank you to all for your participation in this important event.
- The last few years we have had some amazing speakers on our campus. Jennifer McCary will be telling you about some upcoming amazing speakers as part of the Beyond the Dream series.

Dr. Joe Whitehead, Provost and SVPAA

- Life design is a framework utilizing design thinking and we will utilize life design in the redefinition of student success. The goal is to enhance persistence, retention, and four-year graduation rates while developing “life ready” graduates. Another aspect of redefining student success at BGSU is integrating academic and career advising. Ten pilot projects were launched in fall 2019 that included linked and bridge programs to introduce BGSU students to Life Design. The basis for the pilot projects was the the book entitled “Design Your Life”. In addition to the 10 pilot projects, 60 BGSU faculty, staff, and administrators participated in a Design Your Life workshop delivered at BGSU, 1/14-16/2020 by personnel from Stanford's d school to include one of the authors of Design Your Life.

Other institutions have utilized life design on a limited basis, however, the goal at BGSU is impact each student. Implementation of early phases of Life Design at BGSU will entail redesigning BGSU 1910, altering SOAR, and innovating Fall Welcome and Opening Week. A steering group with representatives from faculty, staff and the student body will guide Life Design implementation and solicit input from campus.

- Persistence rate 2019-2020 90.71%, 2018-2019 90.53%, 2017-2018 90.79%. Persistence and retention rates have plateaued over the past three years; therefore we must change our approach to student success.
- In addition to Life design, Dean Craig is leading a group that will ultimately develop BGSU's quality initiative that is required by HLC.

Ashley Hendricks, GSS President-

- There is a graduate students research excellence award comping up \$1250 for 1st place and \$750 2nd place.

Marcus Goolsby, USG President-

- Share with your undergrad students on Monday February 24th we will be hosting in BTSU 404 fre resume printing for the upcoming expo.

PRESENTATIONS

- CENSUS 2020-
Jennifer McCary, Chief Diversity and Belonging Officer and Dr. Wendy Manning, Professor of Sociology members of BGSU Complete Count Committee
- The census is conducted by law and it will affect how we are represented in the State of Ohio. Ohio lost two seats in 2010 and will possibility loose one more in 2020. The census is online.
- We are interested in counting the Hispanic students and working with this group
- We do not ask if you are a citizen.

QUESTIONS:

Q: Allen Roge- You mentioned that the census is online, is it online now?

A: Jennifer McCary- Yes it is online at this time.

Q: Christopher Frey- What advice are you giving DACA and international students.

A: Wendy Manning- International students need to be counted. The citizenship question is not included this will reassure people to report and be counted. For DACA student we are not revealing anything that they have not already revealed.

Q: Jenn Stucker- Is there a concern on double reporting?

A: Wendy Manning- Yes, that is a concern many parents want to count the students, however, if the students live here in BGSU they need to be counted here at BGSU.

Jennifer McCary, Chief Diversity and Belonging Officer- We have a dynamic line up for Beyond the Dream-

- Melissa Harris-Perry will be speaking on February 19th, we need help advertising. She has been speaking a lot in Ohio. The power of the word is the theme for this year. The event is 7:00 pm in the Ballroom it is a free event.
- Bobby Seale- The co-founder of the Black Panther movement. This is the Black issues conference, it is not free it is \$35 for public and \$25 for those associated with BGSU.
- Latino issue is coming up and is in the planning stage.
- Blade Leaper will be here on March 31st Ordinary People Extra Ordinary stories.

We are committed to these programs and we want to show support and commitment throughout the year. Some of these events are free and some are not.

OLD BUSINESS (none)

NEW BUSINESS

1 // CURRICULUM // New Major: Systems Engineering: https://falconbgsu-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/robyngm_bgsu_edu/EX7XJtXUBYNlIpiZ0Kdh_ssBTRWj9zWzkSRyAGS_Bz4zAA?e=MFvdEy

Motion to approve- Joanna Weaver, Second Ann Gordon

Motion carries- 52 For, 4 Against, 2 Abstain

2 // CURRICULUM // Informational //

- Elimination: LINGUISTICS MINOR
- New Minor: TESOL + LINGUISTICS MINOR
- New Minor: DIGITAL FORENSICS in the BA

3 // SENATE ELECTIONS

Presented by Vice Chair, Matt Lavery

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

- Committee on Academic Affairs (CAA)- David Border- meets with the VPAA and part of the degree approval process.
- Committee on Professional Affairs (CPA)
- Adjunct Faculty Committee (AFC)
- Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee (FAAC)- Chris Frey- We invited all Deans to give presentations about their budgets. We are looking for two members. We do budget planning and fund distribution.
- Committee on Committees (Com/Com)- Robyn Miller- Com/Com is responsible for making sure all committees are staffed in full.
- Committee on Amendments + Bylaws (A+B)- Allen Rogel- A&B is responsible for making changes to the Charter and was responsible for the Charter revision committee.

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

AD-HOC COMMITTEES, WORK GROUPS

- Student Evaluation of Teaching (SET)
- Classroom Enrollment Capacity

BGSU FACULTY ASSOCIATION

ISSUES AND CONCERNS / SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Roc Starks second Carol Heckman

Meeting adjourned

NEXT MEETING: March 3, 2020 // 2:30pm – 4:30pm // Olscamp 101