



## ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

December 2, 2009

Click on the links in the table to go directly to a specific section of the minutes.

<a href="#">Report from Provost Khawaja</a>	<a href="#">Senate Executive Committee</a>	<a href="#">General Education Committee</a>
<a href="#">Undergraduate Curriculum Committee</a>	<a href="#">New Business</a>	<a href="#">Sign-In Sheet</a>

**Call to Order:** Senate Chairperson **Chet Cooper** called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

### Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the November 4, 2009, meeting were approved as posted. To view the minutes, go to <<http://www.yosu.edu/acad-senate/0910/minnov09.pdf>>.

### Report from Provost Khawaja:

Dr. Cooper will be telling us about an Annual Fund challenge shortly.

We had a good Fall term, not only in terms of enrollment but also in terms of our experiences with the H1N1 virus. We have weathered that so far, and we are fortunate for that.

Yesterday, the Board of Trustees committees met. In Academic and Student Affairs: The Board was supportive of our efforts on Centers of Excellence. There was also a good development regarding an agreement with the Ohio Historical Society, and if everything moves forward as expected, by January 4 we will have the operational responsibility for the Museum of Labor & Industry.

There was also a report on the University College effort. That is being well received by the Board of Trustees, and we will be bringing more information to the Board at a meeting in January.

Student Government had brought in the issue of a fee for student activities. My sense is that the idea was well received by the Board.

There are other issues: The Chancellor's office has informed universities that they expect our support for Third Frontier projects. That issue will be going on the ballot in May, and the Chancellor feels that we ought to be supporting that and viewing that in a positive way.

The fiscal picture at the state level remains somewhat clouded. There are still unknowns and hurdles that will have to be faced, although YSU is in better shape than many of our sister institutions across the state.

---

**Senate Executive Committee (SEC) / Report from the Chair: Chet Cooper, Chair of the Senate, reported:**

Dr. Cooper reported. First, at our last meeting I had challenged members of the Senate to attend several sporting events for which I would donate \$1 to the United Way for each individual in attendance. I contributed a total of \$25 and wish to thank those who did attend. Also, I would like to thank Ken Learman and Bob Hogue for their contributions in matching my challenge. I am doubly grateful to President Sweet. Dr. Sweet superseded my challenge by contributing \$2 for each person in attendance. On behalf of the United Way Steering committee and its chair, Dr. Anderson, I thank not only these fine people, but all of you who graciously donated during this campaign which, I noted, has exceed \$50,000 in contributions.

Second, while I realize the economic times we are in, I would like to additionally challenge all Senate members to make a contribution to the YSU Annual Fund. I have, and, in fact, 12% you have as well. I thank each and every one of you who have made this a priority in your charitable giving. For the remaining 88% of you, it is important to note that over the past five years, the Annual Fund has raised more than \$3.9 million for scholarships, department programs, and other initiatives. Typically, faculty and staff donations account for about 10 percent of the total Annual Fund dollars raised each year. As a result, our students, the surrounding Youngstown community, and many of us have benefited in various ways. If you have yet to donate, I ask that you consider a gift, be it large or small. Moreover, your 100 percent tax-deductible gift can be designated to any department, program, college or scholarship fund on campus. Finally, for each Senate member who makes a contribution to the Annual Fund this year, I will add \$2 to my pledge. I hope you will take up this challenge.

On another topic, the November meeting of the Ohio Faculty Council was cancelled last month. Nonetheless, there is news to report. The meeting's cancellation was in response to a request by the Ohio Board of Regents that a select number of OFC representatives attend a separate meeting with the Midwestern Higher Education Compact. This latter meeting was called to consider, and I quote directly from the Compact's recent report, "strategies to expand post-secondary opportunities while controlling costs". The Compact's report, entitled "Difficult Dialogues, Rewarding Solutions", discusses efforts to transform higher education into a commodity with an emphasis on "business models", "best practices", "bulk purchasing", etc. Obviously, this stirred a great deal of apprehension and suspicion among OFC members, but a number of representatives did attend the meeting. Unfortunately, none of the Academic Senate's OFC representatives were able to attend this so-called discussion. The initial reports I have received from those OFC members able to attend the discussion suggested that it was "intense". A more complete report on this meeting will be presented at next week's OFC meeting, the essence of which I will convey to this body. Stay tuned.

Earlier this month, YSU's Higher Learning Academy Team sponsored a round table event to

discuss YSU's new mission as an "urban research university" as well as how the assessment goals of various campus units are connected to this new mission. The round table fostered significant discussion on the definition of "urban research university". Overall, this event was very well received and allowed a broad cross-section of the University to voice their perceptions, hopes, and fears in the absence of a clear definition of the term from Chancellor Fingerhut. While grappling with their view of "urban research university", the participants of the round table did agree to meet next fall to discuss the progress they made towards meeting their goals as related to YSU's new mission.

By chance, that very day I also attended a meeting of the Senate's Academic Research Committee. This committee has decided to immediately take up the challenge to draft a working definition of "urban research university" to present to the Senate early next year. I applaud the committee for tackling this important issue and presenting it for discussion by the Senate and other interested parties.

Finally, as you are aware, there a number of position searches being conducted. I have served or am currently serving in some capacity in each of these searches, all of which will have an impact upon YSU's academic enterprise.

With regard to the open Director of Human Resources position, five candidates were recently interviewed on campus. A hiring decision is imminent.

Also, the search for YSU's seventh president continues this weekend with personal interviews of a number of candidates at an off-campus location. At this point, I am not at liberty to divulge any details, but I can tell you that I am very pleased and excited by the very strong interview pool. Given the quality of these candidates and the seriousness by which the advisory committee has taken their work, I am fully confident that several outstanding and well-qualified finalists will be visiting campus in the near future. In addition, I must say that I am wholly impressed with the search firm the University has engaged to assist in this process. Their diligence and commitment to excellence have made this committee assignment very enjoyable – and how many times can anyone say that serving on a university committee is enjoyable?

Finally, as has been well publicized, the University is searching for a head football coach. Some of our colleagues think that this is not an academic issue and that the athletics program is a waste of resources. Other colleagues denigrate the commitment and academic prowess of our student athletes. On all accounts, these people are very wrong and I am disappointed in their attitude. Among a number of reasons to support our athletics program, one has been stated by folks wiser than me, that is, "Athletics is the window to the University". It is well known that a strong athletics program is a very potent recruiting tool for non-student athletes and helps to encourage community engagement. If I had time, I could cite many examples how YSU's athletics program excels in this area. Moreover, with regard to academics, in my position as YSU's Faculty Athletic Representative to the NCAA I have had serious discussions with many of the administrators and coaches within YSU's athletic program. Let me assure you that the entire athletics program at YSU is an ardent proponent of academics and does indeed heavily focus a significant amount of resources on the "student" part of the term "student athlete". Also, YSU's student athletes, as a group, are among the brightest and most civically engaged individuals on our campus. Early next semester, I will present a report to Senate that supports these statements and documents both the academic excellence and commitment to service of our student athletes. In the meantime, I would urge all faculty and staff to be supportive of the University's efforts to attract a new head football coach as well as efforts to fill the open head volleyball coach position.

In conclusion, I hope your semester has been productive and that the upcoming semester

break will provide all of you a well-deserved respite. For those of you traveling, I wish you safe travels. And for those of you staying in the area during the break, I'm guessing that I won't be seeing most of you on campus. Don't worry – Bob Hogue and I will hold down the fort for you. Right, Bob?

This concludes my final report of 2009.

---

**General Education Committee:** **Julia Gergits** reported. A list of approved General Education courses is appended. ([See Attachment 1.](#))

---

**Undergraduate Curriculum Committee:** A list of approved courses is contained in [Attachment 2.](#)

---

**Unfinished Business:** None.

---

**New business:**

Mark Van Tilburg reported on a new content management system for University websites. The University has spent about 10 months trying to work with our Omni Update package, but it has been frustrating at times. We have concluded that we will be better served by using the "ContentM" system. We will be the first University to be using this system. There will be new design templates and style sheets. This package truly does put the content development in the hands of the content providers. It includes Web 2.0 applications, including slide shows, videos, etc. We hope to begin training in early January on this new system. We want to incorporate all University websites into this system. This is a serious investment of resources by our department, but it will provide a very valuable service to us as we move toward a truly integrated and consistent look to our websites.

Julia Gergits: Will the designs be pre-loaded? Yes. Each College will have its own look but with consistent navigation tools. There will be templates and style sheets, but there will also be flexibility in creating the pages. We will ask the Deans to create a policy on the creation and updating of department pages.

---

**Adjournment:** The Academic Senate adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

---

[Sign-in Sheet](#)

---

[Return to Top of Page](#)

[Return to Senate Homepage](#)

**For further information, e-mail [Bob Hogue](#).**

**Cover Sheet To Be Attached to All Reports Submitted to the Academic Senate**

Date: **November 30, 2009** \_\_\_\_\_

Report Number (For Senate Use Only) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Committee Submitting Report: **General Education Committee**

Committee Status: (elected chartered, appointed chartered, ad hoc, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Names of Committee Members (members as of 11/09) **Julia Gergits, Felicia Armstrong, Huaiyu (Peter) Chen, Michael Crist, Cary Horvath, Matt O'Mansky, Renee McManus, Sue Miller, Nate Ritchey, Nicole Mullins, Phil Munro, Brian Bonhomme, Joni Koneval, Sarah Lowry, and Sean Baran**

Please write a brief summary of the report the Committee is submitting to the Senate:

**The General Education Committee (GEC) has certified and circulated the attached courses.**

Do you anticipate making a formal motion relative to the report? Yes  No

If so, state the motion:

If substantive changes in your committee recommendation are made from the floor, would the committee prefer that the matter be sent back to committee for further consideration? **Yes**

Other relevant data: \_\_\_\_\_

Julia Gergits (x3419 or 2983)  
Coordinator and Chair, GenEd

## **Appendix**

### **Certified General Education Courses**

#### **Writing Intensive**

- 990612—REL 3733: Women and the Bible
- 990452—CCET 4824: Environmental Technology

#### **Critical Thinking Intensive**

- 990450—CCET 2604: Properties and Strength of Materials
- 990450—CCET 3705: Computing for Technologies

#### **Capstone**

- 990602—CCET 4884: Civil/Structural Facilities Design

**MEMO**

**TO:** Bob Hogue  
Academic Senate Secretary

**FROM:** Suzanne Giuffre, Chair  
University Curriculum Committee

**SUBJECT:** Approved Course Proposals

**DATE:** November 18, 2009

<b>UCD#</b>	<b>CATALOG #</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
10-02	FNUT 5872	Maternal and Child Nutrition	Change (Already GER)
10-03	DHYG 3704	Dental Hygiene 4	Add (Already GER)
10-04	DHYG 4860	Dental Practice Issues	Add
10-05	DHYG 3780	Dental Pharmacology	Add
10-06	FNUT 4873L	Nutrition and Aging Lab	Change
10-07	FNUT 4874 L	Community Nutrition and Wellness Lab	Change
10-08	RESC 3740	Clinical Practice 2	Change
10-09	Management	Mgt 4881, Mgt 5835, Mtg 5865, Mtg 3771	Pre-req Fast Track Form
10-10	DNCE 4892	Pedagogy of Dance Technique	Pre-req Fast Track Form
10-11	MUTC 1531 L	Musicianship 1 Lab	Change
10-12	MUTC 1532 L	Musicianship 2 Lab	Change
10-13	MUTC 2631 L	Musicianship 3 Lab	Change
10-14	MUTC 2632 L	Musicianship 4 Lab	Change
10-15	FNUT 1551 L	Normal Nutrition Lab	Delete
10-16	FNUT 1552 L	Nutrition Assessment Lab	Add
10-17	FNUT 3761	Science of Nutrition in Exercise	Change
10-18	FNUT 4858 L	Food Systems Management Lab	Change
10-19	FNUT 4860 L	Medical Nutrition Therapy 3 Lab	Change
10-20	CHIN 2606	Advanced Intermediate Chinese 2	Add
10-21	CHIN 3701	Advanced Chinese 1	Add
10-22	CHIN 3702	Advanced Chinese 2	Add
10-23	CHIN 3799	Study Abroad in Chinese	Add
10-24	FNLG 2602	Advanced Intermediate	Add



		Foreign Language 2	
10-25	FNLG 3701	Advanced Foreign Language 1	Add
10-26	FNLG 3702	Advanced Foreign Language 2	Add
10-27	FNLG 3799	Study Abroad in Foreign Language	Add
10-28	ARBC 2606	Advanced Intermediate Arabic 2	Add
10-29	ARBC 3701	Advanced Arabic 1	Add
10-30	ARBC 3702	Advanced Arabic 2	Add
10-31	ARBC 3799	Study Abroad in Arabic	Add
10-32	HBRW 2606	Advanced Intermediate Hebrew	Delete
10-33	HBRW 3706	Readings in Hebrew Scripture	Add

Completed course proposals.

Please include these course proposals in the next Academic Senate minutes. They have passed in Committee, circulated and have been signed by Chet Cooper. Thank You

# YSU ACADEMIC SENATE ATTENDANCE ROSTER – December 2, 2009

## At Large

\_\_\_\_\_ Birsen Karpak, Management  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Patrick Bateman, Management  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Ram Kasuganti, Management  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Gang Peng, Management  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Ray Shaffer, Acctg & Finance  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Michael Villano, Acct. & Finance

## At Large

\_\_\_\_\_ Regina Rees, Teacher Ed.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Richard Baringer, EFRTL  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Leah Gongola, Couns/Sp Ed

## At Large

\_\_\_\_\_ Darla Funk, Music  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Amy Crawford, Communication  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Francois Fowler, Music  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Brian Kiser, Music  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Nancy Wolfgang, Thtr & Dance  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Allan Mosher, Music

## At Large

\_\_\_\_\_ Kathylynn Feld, Health Prof  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Ken Learman, Physical Therapy  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Kandray, Health Professions  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Michele McCarroll, HPES  
 (vacant)

## At Large

\_\_\_\_\_ Denise Narcisse, Sociol & Antrho.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Cynthia Vigliotti, English  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Loren Lease, Sociol & Antrho.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Rick Shale, English  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mark Vopat, Phil/Rel.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ L.J. (Tess) Tessier, Phil/Rel.

## At Large

\_\_\_\_\_ Annette M. Burden, STEM  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Elvin Shields, MECH & ISEGR  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Hazel-Marie, CEEGR & CHEGR  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Jeanette Garr, STEM  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Daryl Mincey, Chemistry  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Bob Hogue, CSIS

## At Large

\_\_\_\_\_ Martin Abraham  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Cynthia Anderson  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Jonelle Beatrice  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Bege Bowers (late)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Jef Davis

## At-Large

\_\_\_\_\_ Ray Michaels  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Jeanette Iskander  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Domonique Price  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Bethany Matthews  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Louis Irizarry

## BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Departmental (2009-2011)

\_\_\_\_\_ Ying Wang, Marketing

## EDUCATION

### At Large continued

\_\_\_\_\_ Jake Protivnak, Couns/Sp Ed  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Gail Saunders-Smith, Teacher Ed.

## FINE & PERFORMING ARTS

### Departmental (2009-2011)

\_\_\_\_\_ John Murphy, Theater/Dance

## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

### Departmental (2009-2011)

\_\_\_\_\_ Patricia Wagner, Criminal Justice  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Michael Murphy, Social Work  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Weiqing Ge, Physical Therapy  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Susan Lisko, Nursing

## Liberal Arts & Social Sciences (CLASS)

### Departmental (2009-2011)

\_\_\_\_\_ Julia Gergits, English  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Alan Tomhave, Phil/Rel.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Keith Lepak, Political Science  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Matt O'Mansky, Sociol & Antrh.

## Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM)

### Departmental (2009-2011)

\_\_\_\_\_ Jamal Tartir, Math & Stats  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Jeff Dick, Geol & Env. Sci.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Abdurrahman Arslanyilmaz, CSIS  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Chet Cooper, Biology  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Brian Leskiw, Chemistry

## ADMINISTRATORS (15)

\_\_\_\_\_ Michael Crist  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Bryan DePoy  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Shearle Furnish  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Philip Ginnetti  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Peter Kasvinsky

## STUDENTS (15)

### College

\_\_\_\_\_ Gary Davenport, CLASS  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Megan Derthick, STEM  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Nicole Burlock, Education  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Sean Baran, FPA  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Ashlee Chmura, HHS  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Jamie Petrus, WCBA  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Sarah Lowry, Graduate Studies

### Departmental (2008-2010)

\_\_\_\_\_ Rajendran Pandian, Management  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Law, Acctg. & Finance

### Departmental (2008-2010)

\_\_\_\_\_ Victoria Kress, Couns/Sp Ed  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Susan DeBlois, EFRTL  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Lauren Cummins, Teacher Ed.

### Departmental (2008-2010)

\_\_\_\_\_ Dragana Crnjak, Art  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Adam Earnhardt, Communication  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Hae-Jong Lee, Music

### Departmental (2008-2010)

\_\_\_\_\_ Teresa Volsko, Health Professions  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Nicole Mullins, HPES  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Virginia Draa, Human Ecology

### Departmental (2008-2010)

\_\_\_\_\_ Tomi Ovaska, Economics  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Ndinzi Masagara, Foreign Lang.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ LaShale Pugh, Geography  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Galadriel Mehera Gherardo, Hist.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Julie Boron, Psychology

### Departmental (2008-2010)

\_\_\_\_\_ Darrell Wallace, MECH & ISEGR  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Jeff Carroll, Physics & Astronomy  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Frank X. Li, ECEGR  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Kin Moy, ENTC  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Shakir Husain, CEEGR & CHEGR

### Student Government

\_\_\_\_\_ Zach Brown  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Abbie Twyford  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Joni Koneval, Acad. Affairs