



Academic Senate



ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

October 2, 2013

Call to Order: Senate Chairperson Chet Cooper called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the September 4, 2013 meeting were approved. To view the minutes, go to <http://www.yasu.edu/acad-senate/1213/minsep13.pdf>.

Senate Composition - Chet Cooper, Chair of the Senate:

Senate Executive Meeting on Sept. 26: In discussing the recently announced budget cuts the committee members had lots of questions and directed that Chet, Senate Chair, invite Pres. Dunn to attend the upcoming Academic Senate meeting on Oct. 2.

Pres. Dunn:

I do not have a presentation or comments to open. Following campus press release as to what is going on and what was mentioned in public press we are moving forward with joint task force including unions on campus, there is no set outcome nor certain set of things to achieve but rather to look at all other possibilities to balance the budget and mediate further cuts having to be made. Most problematic are the layoffs, this procedure will continue, however we have an intervening period that other approaches can be considered.

Q. Michael Jerryson:

Appreciate the care you have taken in approaching budget and impact. Changes in athletics from Division I to II and gain revenue, why not have dialog and consider this? As a follow up question, would you be supportive of a measure of the level of people interested in moving to Level 1?

A. Pres. Dunn:

Not that we cannot have dialog. I don't see any viable approach to dealing with athletic expenses that comes from going to Division 2. It would not cost as much if we went to back. What it means to the community and the university I see no gain in making this move. I don't see an advancement of that idea getting any traction, if that changes we will see that come from someone but we haven't. Certain level of sports, certain level of scholarship, increased in campus facilities, these are a fixed cost for the program. Also a Title 9 that you must have sports ratio to female/male student enrollment. There is not much room to maneuver – number of scholarships – no, cannot change the scheduling of the trips, within the leagues the salaries are not out of line. We are as about as lean as we can be in Division I. This level means too much to the region. It likely will not have support by other than a few people. The athletics are a huge draw for the community and is a source of a huge donation base. He is not going to lead that idea to move from Division I. One request that he has had is when we have Saturday games we need to have faculty attend the game to understand and get a sense of what this means to the community.

If that directive comes from the BOT, he would look at it. He does not see that coming from the BOT and central administration. From his view it is an exercise that is not going to go anywhere. He does not sense from the BOT that we go that route. Faculty/students are free to do this investigation. Probably only 25 schools of Division 1 break even and every other program is subsidized. What is the nature of that subsidy and what is the level of the subsidy and donor support, he feels very good about where we are in this area. The fact that we sell the loges, have generous donors, therefore his judgment that we are pretty healthy in that landscape.

Q. David Ashe:

At the Senate Executive meeting there were concerns raised when we heard of cuts in class sections and that this action would hurt revenue more than what we would gain.

A. Pres. Dunn:

We do not want to do what you are saying. That shoots us in the foot. There will likely see tight scrutiny as to courses that are being offered and are marginally as to the potential of revenue. To the colleges you are going to have to use your judgment and discretion as to what course(s) will be offered. Common language across all of the colleges work papers were exchanged as we were trying to get things done. You see some common language across the colleges, “where possible reduce instructional costs/needs in part time, release time..... thereby reducing the use of faculty vacancies. To his knowledge, there is no master list of courses that are to be cut, the decisions are at the department and college level to make this decision on a case by case basis.

Q. Helene Sennrich:

1. Layoff any incentive for early retirement considered prior to

announcing layoffs?

2. If the community is heavily supportive of the football program is there a way to maximize the development offices focus into doing sports development, can we gear them to develop sports funding as a priority to offset the funds being taken from the general fund?

A. Pres. Dunn:

There was no consideration in this plan for incentives for early retirement on regards to this layoff. This was in part due to the union contracts. This was done in pretty short order. When he came to YSU he did not know that within the first week that he was going to be handed this deficit. Personally I do not like to have to go in and do budget fixes at the end of the year. We have a sustainable hole to dig out of and he decided that we needed to turn this around quickly. We don't have the luxury of taking time to figure the plan out. We are already past the first quarter of the fiscal year, and now we only have nine months to recognize any benefit in budget. Incentives takes some time to get in place, certainly can look at for the future and see what the numbers might look at. Costing needs to come out of the programs, the gain will vary out of different departments. Development across the board everyone is being pushed to do more. The events, donor calls, everyone is at a full court press. We need to be moving forward on a compressive campaign for the institution. Need to allow a little time for the donors to get to know him.

Q. R. Beiersdorfer:

In the 90's we use to offer courses in high school. Then we offered courses in shopping mall. In your budget review what areas that are hemorrhaging monies?

A. Pres. Dunn:

They didn't look at every program to see where money was being spent. They did not have time. He did ask for a fairly comprehensive review. He asked for Youngstown Early College and Rich Center for Autism – he felt comfortable that these programs were serving what the university agreed to and was not a place to go to because they are not outside of our realm of what we should be doing. They did look at a couple of programs, with joint task force they will look at other programs. If faculty have suggestions please pass these forward so that the joint task force can look at.

Q. Frank Bosso:

Enrollment is going down and why? BOT and their vision, they surely saw that enrollment was going down and the rough cost. Yet they increased the funding to the athletics 15% - \$1.4 million, while they approved to laid off employees. Each student is paying an extra \$1000 per year for athletics and we wonder why students cannot afford to come here. Athletics income does not even pay for their full time staff. The annual cost to run the new facilities for the athletics is costing us more than we are making. Student organization budget is \$35,000.

A. Pres. Dunn:

The university is trying to move to more in truth in budgeting. In the past athletics would run themselves and then at the end of the year the university would pick up the rest. University is trying to put truth in the actual developed budget and have that shown as the general fund budgeting. Fees for students – I don't necessarily but the cost in tuition, we are still the lowest tuition in town yet institutions that cost the most have had a rise in enrollment. Strong agreement that it needs to be looked at, however there was monies left there from last year for the student organizations budget. He will look at this, but he does not think that the move to Division 1 is not going to move forward. Other questions we should be concerned with such as, how do we market ourselves, how do we continue as open access institution when state funding is squeezing us, among others. There are more important issues that we need to discuss but we need to be discussing some more important issues. Even with athletics there is a loss in revenue when we cut athletics.

Commend campus that they are containing some sense of organization and common sense. We hope that this is enough for this year and not have to do this again. There should not be a sense of panic, we have to make some adjustments and have some time to work these out. He is confident that we will become stabilized

Ohio Faculty Council - Chet Cooper

The new is more depressing at other institutions so we will skip that.

Senate Executive Committee: Chet Cooper

Designated Dr. Mike Crist as VP of senate – appointed by consent

Consider candidates for parliamentarian – Dr. Dan O'Neill – No objections – appointed by consent

Still looking for secretary – Carol Lamb is looking to move into some other areas – any suggestions or interest?

Still a few of committee vacancies – programs committee (WCBA), gen ed, election and balloting, charter and bylaws.

Professional Conduct Committee – Vern Haynes, and Jef Tyus

Ad hoc committee – beta tests, one today and one more – then we will do STEM college beta tests.

Academic Events Committee: Tom Wakefield

The committee met and has provided a list of nominations for mace bearers which they have

brought to the senate body. No objections – this list is accepted and forwarded to events office along with the recommendation for David Hume Kennerly, Pulitzer Prize winning photographer as commencement speaker.

Library Committee: Susan Clutter

They are in the process of weeding out hardcopy or outdated material – ¼ of their current collection. Strategic plan should be on the website or soon will be. Finances: \$966,445 fiscal year – 5.9% cuts, but were internal not filling vacancies, administrative cuts but not to purchasing? The budget has been dropping every year since 1999, while the cost of OhioLink, periodicals, etc. continue to increase. Electronic resources are the most costly. DVD's hard printed only makes up 14% of content at the library. Future cuts will likely be cut into electronic journals, low load or journals that have less students accessing them. The library does not have a library director therefore it rests on this unit (faculty and chairs) to lobby for the library. Some suggestions library fees back to the university – these are not consistent from year to year and has tried in past and then the amount is deducted from future budgets. Left over monies from Deans discretionary funds – not all deans have discretionary funds and they are not all equal. Raising percentage of FTE and earmarking this amount to Maag – tuition can only be raised 3.5%/year – if this has already has been earmarked for 2014 and beyond and has been approved there may not be any funds left.

Unfinished Business: None

New business:

Adjournment: The Academic Senate adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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 Remesh Dangol, Management
 Helen Han, Management
 William Vendemia, Management
 Jeremy Schwartz, Acctg. & Finance
 Doori Song, Marketing
 Ray Shaffer, Acctg. & Finance

Departmental (2013-2015)
 Kendra Fowler, Marketing

Departmental (2012-2014)
 Birsen Karpak, Management
 Peter Chen, Acctg. & Finance

EDUCATION (BCOE)

At Large (continued)

Cassandra Pusateri, Couns/Sp Ed
 Margie Briley, Couns/Sp Ed

Departmental (2012-2014)

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 Patrick Spearman, EFRTL
 Kathleen Cripe, Teacher Ed.
 Melinda Wolford, School Psych

CREATIVE ARTS & COMMUNICATIONS (CCAC)

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At Large (6)
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 Hae-Jong Lee, Music
 Nancy Wolfgang, Thtr/Dance
 Randall Goldberg, Music
 Missy McCormick, Art

Matthew Mazuroski, Thtr/Dance

Departmental (2012-2014)

Amy Crawford, Communication
 Francois Fowler, Music
 Christine McCullough, Art

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (BCHHS)

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At Large (5)
 Christopher Bellas, Criminal Justice
 Ken Learman, Physical Therapy
 Patrick O'Leary, Human Ecology
 Weiqing Ge, Physical Therapy
 Susan Clutter, Criminal Justice

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 Charliia Allen, Social Work
 Jim Benedict, Physical Therapy
 Molly Roche, Nursing

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Joe Lyons, Health Professions
 Jenn Pintar, HPES
 Jeanine Mincher, Human Ecology

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 Tomi Ovaska, Economics
 Jay Gordon, English
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 Tom Pittman, English

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Executive Committee Members (who are not Senate Members)

Adam Earnhardt
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President Dunn