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ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES  
October 13, 1999

OVERVIEW:

Major topics presented/discussed: preface to the GER document (pp. 1-2); nominations for chair of the Senate and the Charter and Bylaws Committee (p. 2); planning for YSU 2008 (p. 3 and Appendix A); work for Senate committees (p. 3); necessity of processing Q2S and general education materials quickly (p. 3); corrections to the list of courses the General Education Committee attached to the Senate agenda (pp. 3-4); proposed amendments to GER goals 11 and 4 (p. 4).

Actions/Policy Changes:

- (1) The following motion carried: a motion that language in the GER preface be changed from "Recognition of the importance of acting as informed, responsible, democratically minded citizens of the world" to "Recognition of the importance of acting as informed, responsible, democratically minded citizens and members of the global community" (p. 2 of the October 13 minutes).
- (2) The following motion carried: a motion to submit for consideration to the Academic Standards Committee and the General Education Committee two proposed amendments to GER goals 11 and 4, with the stipulation that the appropriate committee(s) report back to the Senate at the November Senate meeting (p. 4 of the October 13 minutes).

CALL TO ORDER:

Jim Morrison, chair of the Academic Senate, called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- Minutes of the 2 June 1999 Senate meeting were approved with the following corrections:
  - Page 4, paragraph 2: Should read "Someone asked if the students had a motion..." instead of "Ted Porter asked if the students had a motion..."
  - Page 4, paragraph 4: Clause in parentheses should read "Jenkins replied that he had no objection..." rather than "Jenkins replied that the committee had no objection..."

GENERAL EDUCATION MOTION ON THE FLOOR: In accordance with the Senate Bylaws, we returned to the business on the floor at the end of the previous meeting. At the June 2 meeting, Bill Jenkins had moved that language in the GER preface be changed from "Recognition of the importance of acting as informed, responsible, democratically minded citizens of the world" to "Recognition of the importance of acting as informed, responsible, democratically minded citizens and members of the global community."

David Porter spoke in favor of the motion, noting that the concept of citizenship is inadequately expressed throughout the general education document and in goals 11 and 4 particularly; the motion would also help strengthen the concept of globalization in the document.

Brandon Schneider also spoke in favor of the motion. He noted, however, that a preface "has no teeth" and described the motion on the floor as additional. He moved to amend goals 11 and 4, but Jim Morrison ruled the proposed amendments out of order for the following reasons:

- They weren't proposed amendments to the motion on the floor.
- Proposed changes to the GER goals and model already passed by the Senate must first be considered in the Academic Standards and General Education committees and then be brought to the floor by the appropriate committee. If someone is unhappy with what the committee decides, he or she can bring the matter up under "New Business."

Porter: Can the students make the motion under new business as a referral to the appropriate committee?

Morrison: Yes.

A vote was taken, and the motion to change the previously mentioned wording in the GER preface to "Recognition of the importance of acting as informed, responsible, democratically minded citizens and members of the global community" carried.

NOMINATIONS FOR SENATE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE CHARTER AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE: In accordance with the Senate Charter and Bylaws, Louise Auelin, chair of the Elections and Balloting Committee, solicited nominations for chair of the Senate and members of the Charter and Bylaws Committee. Elections will be conducted by written ballot.

Nominated for chair of the Senate were Jim Morrison and Charles Singler. The runner up will be vice chair.

Nominated for two-year terms on the Charter and Bylaws Committee were Nancy White, Dale Harrison, and Tom Maraffi.

Diane Rost was nominated to fill the final year of Lowell Sate's term on the Charter and Bylaws Committee (Sate is on sabbatical).

Auelin noted that some elections (e.g., Fine and Performing Arts representative to the Senate Executive Committee, a departmental senator from Educational Administration) still need to be conducted.

Singler noted that he supports Morrison for chair.

PLANNING FOR YSU 2008: Jim Morrison noted that a new planning cycle has begun at YSU, and the Senate and its committees will be involved. Jan Elias, who is heading up that cycle, provided the attached report (see Appendix A).

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / REPORT FROM THE CHAIR: Jim Morrison made the following announcements:

- The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) has been meeting and will meet throughout the quarter. The principal business will be reviewing committee charges and structures. The SEC will ask that the Senate committees meet; that they provide copies of their minutes to Bege Bowers (secretary of the Senate) and to the library; and that they report to the Senate periodically (as specified in the Charter and Bylaws). The SEC will suggest matters that some of the committees need to consider; some committees may need to review their purpose. Your input is invited.
- The Charter and Bylaws Committee will have a significant amount of work to make the language in the Charter & Bylaws "semester-compliant."

OHIO FACULTY COUNCIL REPORT: Diane Rost made the attached report. See Appendix B.

CHARTER AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE: No report.

ELECTIONS AND BALLOTING COMMITTEE: No additional report.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Louise Pavia announced that the Academic Standards Committee is still polling committee members to set up a time to meet.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE: No report.

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE: Patricia Hoyson, chair of the committee, announced that the Curriculum Committee met through the summer to process Q2S proposals. She and Kathylyn Fisk, chair of the Programs Committee, will meet this week to coordinate what the two committees have done.

A number of people assessed the need for departments to complete Q2S proposals and proposals for general education excesses posthaste. Information must be printed and out to students before the April 3 registration, and department chairs must complete the fall 2000 schedule long before that. Students must be advised before the April registration. Some courses and programs must be revised because of the need to coordinate with general education.

ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE: No report.

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Bill Jenkins, committee chair, noted that the General Education Committee (GEC) had appended to the October 13 Senate agenda a list of courses certified by the GEC. He announced a series of corrections to typographical and other errors in the list. Corrections appear in bold and/or underlined text:

- Agenda page 3, course 99001: "Syllabic experimentation is encouraged as students develop..."
- Agenda page 3, course 99002: "rather than manipulative skills..."
- Agenda page 3, course 99000: "strategies for writing as a means of critical inquiry..."
- Agenda page 5, course 99001: Title should be "Training Points in U.S. History B."
- Agenda page 6, course 99000: "the basic principles governing the growth..."
- Agenda page 6, course 99000: The correct course number for the senior project course is THTR 4896. Replace the course description given for that course with the following:

Independent study required of all seniors in the theater degree program. Significant demonstration of practical theater ability in one or more of the following areas: Acting, Directing, Design/Technology, Theory/Criticism, Theater Management. Portfolio/ritual review. Prereq.: Senior standing in theater, with the expectation of graduation by the end of the following semester. Grading is CR/NC/PR. 1 s.h.

The preferred date for submitting any other courses for certification under the general education domain is October 15; submit courses by November 1 if at all late. Please move quickly to that adjustment and scheduling can take place. Jenkins can be reached at extension 2983. The GEC is sending packets of certified courses to the deans' offices; department chairs are informed when the packets go to the deans and are asked to distribute courses that might be of interest to faculty members within their department. Attached to the materials in the deans' offices will be a cover sheet listing the courses; the cover sheets will be sent to department chairs as well as to the deans' offices. Jenkins will also place material on the web site as courses are approved.

INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGIES, UNIVERSITY OUTREACH, LIBRARY, ACADEMIC RESEARCH, STUDENT ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, STUDENT ACADEMIC GRIEVANCE, HONORS, AND ACADEMIC EVENTS COMMITTEES: No reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Brandon Schneider moved to submit for consideration to the Academic Standards Committee and the General Education Committee the following proposed amendments to the GER goals, with the stipulation that the appropriate committee(s) report back to the Senate at the November Senate meeting:

- Amend Goal 11 from "Evaluate the impact of theories, events, and institutions on the social, economic, legal, and political aspects of society" to "Evaluate the impact of theories, events, institutions, and citizenship on the social, economic, legal, and political aspects of society."
- Amend Goal 4 from "Understand the personal and social importance of ethical reflection and moral reasoning" to "Understand the personal and social importance of ethical reflection, moral reasoning, and citizenship."

The motion to refer the proposed amendments to the appropriate committees was seconded and carried.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.