

Note: Please get agenda items for the November 4 Senate meeting to Bege Bowers, English Department, by 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 23.

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES
October 14, 1998

OVERVIEW:

Major topics presented/discussed: nominations for Senate chair, three new representatives to the Charter and Bylaws Committee, and the second representative to the Ohio Faculty Council; Q2S forms available from department chairs and YSU's Q2S Web site; limitations posed by the current process for allocating the library budget (pp. 2-3); correction in the most recently distributed GER plan, and suggestions for stating GER goals verbatim in documents referring to the goals (p. 3).

Policy changes: No changes in Senate policies; however, a change in library policy restricts students' access to the current-periodicals stacks (p. 3).

CALL TO ORDER:

Jim Morrison, chair of the Academic Senate, called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

See unfinished business.

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE /REPORT FROM THE CHAIR: Jim Morrison welcomed the new Senate; introduced himself and the Senate secretary, Bege Bowers; noted that parliamentarian Bill Jenkins could not be at today's meeting; and reminded those present to **identify themselves at the microphone before speaking**. He made the following report:

1. Last year, we approved a bylaws change recognizing the newly formed Ohio Faculty Council (OFC) and specifying a process for determining YSU's representatives (the Senate chair automatically serves on the council; the other representative is to be elected). The Elections and Balloting Committee will seek nominations for the elected representative later in the meeting. Morrison referred to the proposed mission statement for the OFC, which will be voted on at the next meeting of the council, and to the organizational chart showing Chancellor Chu's reorganization of his staff and his proposed reorganization of the Ohio Board of Regents' committee structure (see Appendixes A and B). The chancellor has invited OFC representatives to sit in on any of the committees. Morrison will provide a fuller report after next Friday's OFC meeting.
2. The Senate Executive Committee will soon meet to discuss duties of the standing committees. The designated committee chairs need to call an organizational meeting; **let Bege Bowers know when you have selected a chair for this year. Also, all committees must send minutes of committee meetings to Bege and to the University library for the Senate files.**

CHARTER & BYLAWS COMMITTEE: Duane Rost reported that the Charter and Bylaws Committee will present language concerning the structure of the new GER Committee at the next meeting.

ELECTIONS AND BALLOTING COMMITTEE: Julian Madison called for nominations to be placed on mail ballots for the following elections:

- Chair of the Senate (must be a member of the Senate; runner-up becomes vice chair): Jim Morrison and Charles Singler accepted nomination; Beverly Gray and Glorianne Leck declined nomination. Singler expressed his support for Morrison, noting that he himself will run only to fulfill the constitutional requirement that there be two nominees.
- Charter and Bylaws Committee (need to fill three positions for two-year terms; anyone eligible to run for Senate is eligible to run for election to the committee): Warren Young, Lowell Satre, Louise Pavia, Joe Edwards, Fred Owens, and Nancy Mosca were nominated.
- Second representative to the Ohio Faculty Council (two-year term to provide continuity): Duane Rost and Sandra Stephan accepted nomination. Charles Singler moved that nominations cease; motion was seconded and carried.

The Elections and Balloting Committee will send forms soliciting nominations for Fine and Performing Arts, Business, and Health and Human Services representatives to the Senate Executive Committee (nominees have to be Senators from the respective colleges). The committee will also contact colleges that need to elect representatives to the Elections and Balloting Committee.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE: No report.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE: No further report; copies of forms for semester conversion were attached to the agenda.

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE: Anne York reported that each department chair has a diskette with each form necessary for quarter-to-semester transition. You can also access the forms and information on YSU's Q2S Web site.

ACADEMIC PLANNING, INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGIES, AND UNIVERSITY OUTREACH COMMITTEES: No reports.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Tom Atwood reported that the current library-budget allocation procedure may limit YSU's access to additional electronic databases and limit our participation in "statewide consortium deals" that would ultimately save us money. The current procedure makes no allowance for "unanticipated, but valuable, opportunities to acquire library materials and/or electronic access" that arise after the budget has been allocated. He read the second and third sections from the attached memo (see Appendix C), citing an example of a recent consortium deal that YSU had to decline. The Library Committee will continue to look at the issue.

Barbara Brothers: Can we remedy this problem more quickly? What kind of dollar figure would you need in reserve to take part in the automatic plan? Would it help if, for instance, the colleges were willing to give up proportionate amounts?

Atwood: Yes, I think so; the committee will discuss that possibility so that we can build a reserve fund, say of \$100,000, to take advantage of some of such deals.

Charles Singler: Is it a rumor or a fact that students will no longer be allowed to roam the stacks and have access to the journals?

Atwood: For current periodicals, that is correct. More than half of our budget for current periodicals is spent on subscriptions. It has been difficult to maintain the inventory. Thus, as in most other university and many public libraries, students must now request particular journals rather than roam the current-periodical stacks. The disadvantage is that students cannot browse through the stacks. However, some titles are very expensive; we cannot afford to lose and replace them.

Singler: This applies only to current issues, not the bound volumes?

Atwood: Yes. Once the issues are bound, the bound volumes are put on the shelves and can be used by students.

ACADEMIC RESEARCH, STUDENT ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, STUDENT ACADEMIC GRIEVANCE, HONORS, AND ACADEMIC EVENTS COMMITTEES: No reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Minutes of the 27 May 1998 special meeting were approved as amended on the agenda for the 14 October meeting. Minutes of the 3 June 1998 meeting were approved as distributed.

Tom Shipka: A couple of copies of the general-education plan approved by the Senate have reached my mailbox. A correction that the Senate made in the language concerning critical thinking seems not to have been made in the most recent copies of the final model. **The language in the paragraph on critical thinking (the middle of page 3 of the most recently distributed plan) should say “developing and evaluating” rather than “development and evaluating”** (to match the other verbals in the series). [Note from Bege Bowers: I did not type or distribute the final plan; I will try to find whoever has it on disk--Bill Jenkins? Charles Singler?]

Several documents, including this one, having to do with general education have reached me in the mailbox or through colleagues, and I have noticed that we are not appending the actual goals that were approved some time ago. I would like to make a request of the General Education Committee and the various college committees and subcommittees dealing with general education: **if you circulate language citing goals, please state the goals verbatim somewhere in the document, preferably up front.**

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Tom Shipka moved that we adjourn. The motion was seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.