



Academic Senate



ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

Dec. 5, 2012

Call to Order: Senate Chairperson Chet Cooper called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the Nov. 7, 2012, meeting were approved. To view the minutes, go to <http://www.yzu.edu/acad-senate/1213/minnov12.pdf>.

Senate Composition - Chet Cooper, Chair of the Senate, reported:

Millie Rodriguez, Director of Distance Education was unable to attend today's meeting, she will be on the agenda for the senate meeting in February.

Ohio Faculty Council - Ken Learman was to give the report from Ohio Faculty Council however, Ken is the Chair of the Professional Conduct Committee which also had a meeting at this same time. Chet shared that there are presently two cases in front of that committee.

Chet relayed to the senate that there is an OFC meeting next week in Columbus that Ken and Chet will be attending. Topics on the agenda are issues regarding the funding formula and other issues from the Governor and Chancellor offices. Denise will add to this information in the report from Academic Affairs Committee report.

Chet wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Charter and Bylaws Committee: Chet Cooper

Discussion of proposed amendments to the Academic Senate Charter:

The senate has been notified of proposed amendments to the Charter in accordance with the Academic Senate Charter.

Approval of amendments to the Charter requires the approval by a majority of senators attending the meeting, then submitted to faculty at-large with fifty percent of faculty voting and two-thirds approving, then submitted to the President of the of the University and the Board of Trustees for ratification.

Main amendments proposed: changes in the wording of the preamble and method of selecting student senators.

Discussion: J. Vrabel: Student government will now take applications for senate seats and then appoint based on applications.

Senate Chair asked for motion from Senate to move to vote on acceptance of amendments: motion to vote by D. Ashe, second Dr. Crist.

Vote to accept amendments to the Senate Charter: I: unanimous, Nae: none, Abstain: none

Amendments accepted. Amendments will now be sent to faculty for acceptance.

Discussion of proposed changes to the Academic Senate Bylaws:

The senate has been notified of proposed amendments to the Bylaws. After approval by the Senate there is a nineteen day period in which the action can be challenged.

Main amendments proposed: The Senate Chair can ask someone to call first meeting of a senate committee, bring the Bylaws into accordance with OFC, proposal for some committees to be eliminated (Outreach, Planning, and Integrated Technologies Committees), clarification of committee members, and formal approval of the action taken by the Senate Executive Committee, prior to the start of the fall semester, in acting on changing the General Education Committee.

Discussion: C. Lamb raised the concern of the elimination of the Planning Committee in that part of this committee's mission was to set specific time slots for scheduling of courses and leaving open times for Academic Senate meetings. Students have been complaining that they have trouble scheduling classes because some departments do not abide by the specified time slots and therefore the students may only be able to take one course instead of taking two or three.

The Charter and Bylaws Committee did consider these issues, however this committee has not met for the last couple of years and therefore have not been active.

Chet, in discussion with Senators mentioned that in the OEA Agreement has addressed the issue of leaving open the time for Academic Senate meeting. However, no one from Administration knew if the issue of specific time slots for classes was addressed in any other documentation.

Chet asked if it would be alright if the duty of designating time slots were assigned to another committee? This solution was agreeable.

Senate Chair asked for motion from Senate to approve amendments: Motion by D. Fagan, Second by Dr. Crist.

Vote to approve proposed amendments to Senate Bylaws: I: unanimous, Nae: none, Abstain: none

The amendments to the Bylaws are approved by the Senate.

The change will require further action by the Executive Committee, after challenge period has expired.

Academic Affairs Committee: Denise Narcisse

The committee had met to discuss how they might help YSU implement the report from the Chancellor's office titled "Complete College Ohio". This report discusses how the plan is to be implemented. The main message of the report is acceleration and intensity in an effort to increase the number of Ohioans who obtain a college degree. These efforts should be intensified and accelerated by the end of this month. Universities should be ready to develop campus completion plans, with this in mind the committee will ask to meet with administration to see the plan. Good news is that YSU is already active in initiatives in this area. Along with this development the senate has to consider if and how the cap on part-time faculty will affect full-time faculty and student retention, performance, and graduation rates. The committee will keep the senate informed of any developments.

Q. N. Pierre: Does the report connect to secondary education and who's responsibility is it to reach out to accomplish this initiative?

A. D. Narcisse: Secondary schools and colleges are to collaborate so that students are ready for college when they enter. Local schools and YSU should reach out to each other. It is not one sides responsibility rather a joint responsibility. Her experience is there has been some connection between high schools and YSU, how well this is developed she can not say.

Chet shared that he had sent the link to this report to the Student Academic Affairs, Academic Standards, and the Senate Executive Committees to get their comments.

D. Narcisse mentioned that it is clear in reading the report this is not a one time process rather an ongoing process.

Chet relayed that this report will be discussed at OFC next week.

M. Vopat: Mentioned that the State of Ohio is passing down to the universities and high schools to make this happen, yet there is no funding assistance offered and when graduation rates do not improve the universities and high schools will be held accountable.

J. Beatrice: She was on one of the working groups in Columbus that developed this report.

D. Narcisse: Denise did notice that she had seen Jeanelle was on the list of members, that is good news that we are involved in some of the activities.

B. Korenic, Chair of Academic Standards Committee, this committee will be meeting on Thursday and the report is on the agenda to be discussed.

Unfinished Business: None

New business:

J. Lyons asked if there had been any response to the letter that Chet had read at the last

meeting regarding parking issues.

Chet said there had been no response.

Adjournment: The Academic Senate adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

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December 5, 2012 Meeting Sign-In Sheet

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

At Large (6)
 GH Helen Han, Management
 Ramk Ram Kasuganti, Management
 ✓ Kathleen Mumaw, Acctg. & Finance
 ✓ Nobert Pierre, Acctg. & Finance
 William Vendemia, Management
 Ying Wang, Marketing

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

Departmental (2011-2013)
 Peter Reday, Marketing

EDUCATION

At Large (5)
 Regina Rees, Teacher Ed.
 Gail Saunders-Smith, Teacher Ed.
 Wilma Djoletto, EFRTL

At Large continued
 Patrick Spearman, EFRTL
 Margie Briley, Counc/Sp Ed
 Kathleen Cripe, Teacher Ed.

Departmental (2011-2013)
 Matt Paylo, Counseling
 Sue DeBlois, EFRTL
 Melinda Wolford, School Psych

FINE & PERFORMING ARTS

At Large (6)
 Ewelina Boczkowska, Music
 David Gill, Art
 Randall Goldberg, Music
 John Murphy, Thtr/Dance
 Brandt Payne, Music
 Brian Kiser, Art

Departmental (2012-2014)
 Amy Crawford, Communication
 Francois Fowler, Music
 Christine McCullough, Art

Departmental (2011-2013)
 Nancy Wolfgang, Thtr/Dance

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

At Large (5)
 Charlia Allen, Social Work
 Ken Learman, Physical Therapy
 Taci Turel, Human Ecology
 Weiqing Ge, Physical Therapy
 Christopher Bellas, Criminal Justice

Departmental (2012-2014)
 Joe Lyons, Health Professions
 Jenn Pintar, HPES
 Jeanine Mincher, Human Ecology

Departmental (2011-2013)
 Susan Clutter, Criminal Justice
 Shirley Keller, Social Work
 Jane Wetzel, Physical Therapy
 Cindy Shields, Nursing

Liberal Arts & Social Sciences (CLASS)

At Large (6)
 Molly Jameson Cox, Psychology
 David Porter, Political Science
 Tomi Ovaska, Economics
 Matt O'Mansky, Sociol & Anthr
 John Sarkissian, Foreign Language
 Deborah Mower, Phil/Rel.

Departmental (2012-2014)
 vacant, Economics
 Carla Simonini, Foreign-Language
 Dawna Cerney, Geography
 vacant, History
 Rocio Rosales, Psychology
 Denise Narasce

Departmental (2011-2013)
 Alyssa Lenhoff, English
 Mark Vopat, Phil/Rel
 Cryshanna Jackson, Political Sci
 Denise Narcisse, Sociol & Anthr

Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM)

At Large (6)
 Jamal Tartir, Math & Stats
 Diana Fagan, Biol
 Jeanette Garr, CEEGR & CHEGR
 Jozi Jalics, Math
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 David Asch, Biology

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 John Feldmeier, Phys/Astr
 Phil Munro, ECEGR
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 Pedro Cortes, CEEGR & CHEGR

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 Ray Beiersdorfer, Geol & Env. Sci.
 Abdurrahman Arslanyilmaz, CSIS
 Chet Cooper, Biology
 John Jackson, Chemistry

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 Jef Davis

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 Shearle Furnish
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 Peter Kasvinsky

Ikram Khawaja
 Jeffrey Trimble
 Betty Jo Licata
 Shannon Tirone
 Joseph Mosca

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 CB Chelesa Baker, At Large
 Samuel Addai, At Large
 Sean Meditz, At Large
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 Justen Vrabel, Exec. VP
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 Nikki Hartman, STEM
 AB Andrew Boyle, WCBA

Executive Committee Members (who are not Senate Members)

Carol Lamb