



ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

September 10, 2008

Note: The next meeting of the Academic Senate is scheduled for **October 1, 2008, at 4:00 p.m.** Please submit agenda items and cover sheets for the October Senate meeting to **Bob Hogue** by noon on September 25 at the latest. Provide both a hard copy and a disk or electronic copy of your report and cover sheet in *Word* or rich text format. A downloadable cover sheet is available at the Academic Senate web site [hit "cancel" if asked for a password]:

<http://www.yсу.edu/acad-senate>

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[Prior to the meeting, Senate Chairperson Chet Cooper posed for photographs after numerous requests by Senate members to capture his image in a coat and tie.]

Call to Order: Senate Chairperson **Chet Cooper** called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. Dr. Cooper, serving as Senate Chairperson since Sunil Ahuja is on leave this year, welcomed new senators and thanked returning senators for their work last year.

Nominations for Chair of the Academic Senate: **Annette Burden**, Elections & Balloting Committee, accepted nominations from the floor for the office of Chair of the Academic Senate, the term for which begins in January 2009. Chet Cooper and Jane Reid were nominated. Ballots will be forthcoming.

Nominations for the Charter and Bylaws Committee: Dr. Burden reported that there are three vacancies on the Charter and Bylaws Committee and asked for nominations. Those nominated were Eleanor Congdon, Louise Pavia, and Keith Lepak.

Confirmation of Senate Secretary and Senate Parliamentarian: Dr. Cooper reported that the Executive Committee has concurred with the appointment of Bob Hogue as Secretary and Kathylynn Feld as Parliamentarian, subject to the approval of the Senate. The appointment was approved by the Senate without objection.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the May 7, 2008, meeting were approved as posted. To view the minutes, go to <http://www.www.ysu.edu/acad-senate/minmay08.pdf>.

Report from Provost Khawaja:

1. We were fortunate last year in the Chancellor and Governor protecting higher-education budgets from cuts. Just today, word was received that the Governor is announcing another cut of just under 5% because of lagging income. But again, the Governor will safeguard a significant portion of higher-education funds from this round of cuts. A small portion of higher-education could will be subject to the cut, but it is not known immediately how much will be involved. We still may have a challenge upcoming in implementing some level of budget cuts, but it appears that the impact will be less dramatic than it could have been. The Academic Division has ended in the black again this year, so we are in good shape.

2. Assessment: We will address the concerns of the Higher Learning Commission by attending an Assessment Academy sponsored by the Commission. We have been accepted, and we have a team that will be going through the training, coming back, and interacting with us.

3. Strategic Plan for Higher Education: There is a window of opportunity for us in examining program development. We recently received the approval for the Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy.

4. F&PA and HHS are being led by interim Deans, and both positions will have search committees underway soon.

5. Academic Strategic Plan: A few priorities have been selected from last year's plan to be implemented this year. We will share the details of this with the Academic Senate later on.

6. Chancellor's Plan for Higher Education: Deadlines had been established last Spring. The timeline for mission differentiation by the Board of Trustees is late this calendar year. A group of people met over the summer to examine mission, vision, and core values. The drafts of those have been shared with the campus community and will be examined again later this month at a Chairperson's retreat. Please look these over and provide us with your input. Our mission was last developed in the 1990's. That mission had open admission and access as a cornerstone. The Chancellor's plan suggests that YSU reposition its role in light of the potential advent of a community college. We also need to identify areas of strength. We need to study what criteria to use in these decisions.

Report from Vice President for Student Affairs Cyndy Anderson:

Often we receive calls from faculty about disruptive students in class or those who are potentially dangerous. Several months ago, several groups worked together to write and receive a grant for training staff and faculty on dealing with these are related issues: What is mental illness? What are suicide signs? What are FERPA and HIPAA? This training will be tailor-made for YSU. We are getting national attention for our efforts on this. The sessions are scheduled for October 14 and 15, half-day sessions, and we plan to repeat this for the next several semesters.

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

- I foresee a very busy year for the Academic Senate
- We are the first Senate of YSU's second centennial; we need to set the standard this year for those that follow us in the years to come
- I have sensed a change in the campus climate; attitudes have changed and continue to change in a positive manner; Penguin Pride has never been stronger in the nine years I have been part of the YSU family – the latter is the key word
- We are family – faculty, staff, administration, and trustees, all dedicated to providing the greatest educational experience for our students while making very significant contributions to our institution, our community, our region, our state, and our country
- I believe the time is right and that YSU is uniquely positioned to make our 2nd 100 years outshine our first 100; however, it won't come without challenges
- Challenge of Chancellor and his Strategic Plan for Higher Education
 - Chancellor attended last OFC meeting (Tammy King)
 - Chancellor visits YSU this Thursday and Friday
 - Faculty members of Academic Senate invited to a meeting with the Chancellor on Friday at 9AM in the Coffelt-Humphrey Room of Kilcawley Center
 - Information from the Institutional Response Committee sent to members of Senate to review prior to Chancellor's meeting
- Committees should meet soon to elect a chair and the name of the chair should be transmitted to me and Bob Hogue
- I am seeking suggestions for appointments of a STEM and a HHS representative to the Professional Conduct committee

- Senate Executive Committee actions:
 - Supported the respective appointments of Bob Hogue and Kathylynn Feld as Secretary and Parliamentarian
 - Approved committee assignments; thanks to those who volunteered
 - Approved charges to the Academic Standards, Charter and Bylaws, and University Curriculum and Academic Programs committees
 - Due to absence of Vice-Chair at an out-of-town commitment, agreed to move the November Senate meeting from November 5th to November 12th
 - Senate will host Civility Hour on September 26th at 430PM in Pete's Place which is being sponsored by Student Affairs/Dr. Anderson; all members of the YSU community are invited, in fact, are strongly encouraged to attend; we are looking for suggestions for a new name to replace the current tag of "Civility Hour" as well as future sponsors of this event

[Attachment 1.](#)

General Education Committee: **Julia Gergits** reported. A list of approved General Education courses is appended. (See [Attachment 2.](#))

Unfinished Business: None.

New business: None

Adjournment: The Academic Senate adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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

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At Large
 Birsen Karpak, Management
 Jane Reid, Marketing
 Ram Kasuganti, Management
 Gang Peng, Management
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 Ray Shaffer, Acctg & Finance

At Large
[Signature] Regina Rees, Teacher Ed.
[Signature] Richard Baringer, EFRTL
[Signature] Benjamin McGee, Couns/Sp Ed

At Large
[Signature] Darla Funk, Music
[Signature] John Murphy, Theater & Dance
[Signature] Francois Fowler, Music
[Signature] Brian Kiser, Music
[Signature] Jane Shanabarger, Theater & Dance
[Signature] Allan Mosher, Music

At Large
[Signature] Kathylynn Feld, Health Prof
[Signature] Sue Leson, Human Ecology
[Signature] Patty Hoyson, Nursing
 Tammy King, Criminal Justice
[Signature] Nancy Wagner, Nursing
[Signature] Diane Kandray, Health Prof

At Large
[Signature] Diane Barnes, History
[Signature] Eleanor Congdon, History
[Signature] Vern Haynes, Psychology
[Signature] Rick Shale, English
[Signature] Nancy White, Psychology
[Signature] L.T. (Tess) Tessier, Phil/Rel.

At Large
[Signature] Chet Cooper, Biology
 Phil Munro, ECEGR
 Hazel Marie, CEEGR & CHEGR
 Alina Lazar, CSIS
[Signature] Daryl Mincey, Chemistry
[Signature] Bob Hogue, CSIS

[Signature] Martin Abraham
[Signature] Cynthia Anderson
[Signature] Jonelle Beatrice
[Signature] Bege Bowers
[Signature] Jef Davis

At Large (5)
 Jason Heyman
[Signature] L. Mikaela Miller
[Signature] Ray Michaels
[Signature] Zach Brown
[Signature] Ben Kalaman

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Departmental (2007-2009)
 Peter Reday, Marketing

Departmental (2008-2010)
[Signature] Rajendran Pandian, Management
 Dave Law, Acctg. & Finance

EDUCATION
At Large continued
 Jake Protivnak, Couns/Sp Ed
[Signature] Gail Saunders-Smith, Teacher Ed.

Departmental (2008-2010)
[Signature] Victoria Kress, Couns/Sp Ed
[Signature] Susan DeBlois, EFRTL
 Lauren Cummins, Teacher Ed.

FINE & PERFORMING ARTS
Departmental (2007-2009)
[Signature] Dennis Henneman, Thtr/Dance

Departmental (2008-2010)
[Signature] Dragana Crnjak, Art
[Signature] Adam Earnhardt, Communication
[Signature] Hae-Jong Lee, Music

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Departmental (2007-2009)
 Gordon Frissora, Criminal Justice
[Signature] Thelma Silver, Social Work
[Signature] Ken Learman, Physical Therapy
[Signature] Renee McManus, Nursing

Departmental (2008-2010)
[Signature] Teresa Volsko, Health Professions
[Signature] Nicole Mullins, HPES
[Signature] Virginia Draa, Human Ecology

Liberal Arts & Social Sciences (CLASS)
Departmental (2007-2009)
[Signature] Tim Francisco, English
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[Signature] Sunil Ahuja, Political Science
[Signature] Loren Lease, Sociol & Anthr,

Departmental (2008-2010)
 Tomi Ovaska, Economics
 Ndinzi Masagara, For. Language
 LaShale Pugh, Geography
 Galadriel Mehera Gerardo, History
 Julie Boron, Psychology

Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM)

Departmental (2007-2009)
[Signature] Annette Burden, Math & Stats
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 Kriss Schueller, CSIS
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[Signature] Brian Leskiw, Chemistry

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 Shakir Husain, CEEGR & CHEGR

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[Signature] Philip Ginnetti

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 Paul Kobulnicky
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 Thomas Maraffa

STUDENTS
School/College
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 Marie Mars, Graduate
[Signature] Juliana Merhaut, HHS
[Signature] Justin Jones, Educ.

Student Government
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[Signature] Maddie D'Orio, Chair, Acad Affairs

[Signature] BRIAN BONHOMME (SEC) ✓

**The Ohio Faculty Council
Minutes
August 8, 2008**

Note: The OFC Council met in the summer on the following days:

May 9, 2008

June 13, 2008

No meeting in July, 2008

Please visit the OFC website for official minutes from these meetings. **Please note that the website will be moving from YSU to OBOR.**

August 8, 2008

- I. Minutes were reviewed and approved from the June 13, 2008, meeting.

- II. New Business
 - \$ The Counsel discussed the fact that the OFC is not an “officially” recognized body via administrative mandate nor in the Ohio Administrative Code. The group decided to bring this issue to the Chancellor’s attention. According to Chairperson Cuppoletti, the OFC was created by OBOR, but not in an official capacity.
 - \$ A member of the OFC reported on the activities of the Senior to Sophomore Advisory Group. The group’s primary goal is to increase the number of Ohio students who have one semester of college credits before entering college from 5% to 20%. They also discussed tuition issues concerning these course and the location where the college courses would be taught and by whom.
 - \$ Chairperson Cuppoletti then reported that a bill on textbook costs had passed the U.S. House this week and was going to the Senate. *(Note: details concerning the bill will be presented at the next Academic Senate meeting)*

Chancellor Fingerhut spoke with the Committee. Below is a summary of that meeting:

- \$ The Chancellor announced that the “Choose Ohio First” Scholarship Program had awarded \$50 million in the first year with the goal of increasing the number of STEM graduates. These awards were based on the university’s quality of their STEM programs. The Chancellor commented that many universities did not have adequate input from the faculty and he wanted this to change in year two proposals submitted.
- \$ The Chancellor’s office is developing a budget for the next biennium starting in 2009. They were looking at changes in the funding formulas in an effort to assure that the budget is inline with the university state system’s strategic plan.
- \$ The Chancellor discussed his three initiatives to help reduce/contain the costs of textbooks:

1. An agreement was made with a digital textbook company for a 10% reduction in textbook costs if materials are purchased from the same company.
2. Grant monies totally \$250,000 (five projects at \$50,000 each) will be awarded to professor to develop course materials in heavily enrolled course. The state would buy the royalties and intellectual property rights so the material would be in the public domain. The state would put the package together and give students electronic copies or sell hard copies at printing costs. *(Note: please see attached e-mail from Chancellor Fingerhut and RFP to apply for these funds)*
3. Faculty innovator awards will be given in the amount of \$10,000 (ten projects at \$1,000 each) to faculty who have already found ways to reduce textbook costs while maintaining quality.

\$ The discussion continued concerning the cost of textbooks. The Chancellor wants to encourage all professors / universities to order early. He also discussed the possibility of using public broadcasting to deliver some types of educational programing.

\$ Chancellor Fingerhut discussed his effort to appoint Board of Trustee members who are committed to the higher education strategic plan.

\$ He announced that his office had hired a new Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Barbara Gellman-Danley. Her many responsibilities will include, but not limited to:

- authority over TAGs
- new programs and other curriculum issues
- meet regularly with the OFC

\$ The OFC website will be maintained by an OBOR staff person in the future - being moved from YSU.

\$ The Chancellor was informed that the OFC had no official standing in the state. He assured the OFC that they would be provided some administrative support and that he would make a directive organizing the OFC officially.

\$ He ended his discussion by focusing on the cost of higher education in the state.

III. Campus reports were given. The following is a summary of information provided:

\$ Ohio U

Considering moving from quarters to semesters. A resolution calling for collective bargaining was introduced in their Faculty Senate in May. It would be reintroduced in September and vote on in October.

\$ Ohio State

Considering moving from quarters to semesters.

\$ Wright

Faculty and administration have reached an agreement on a new contract. They have a new Vice President for development. Considering moving from quarters to semester. They are currently reviewing policies on free speech

\$ Cleveland

Searching for a new President.

\$ Akron

The city is considering leasing their sewer system to a private company and using the profits earned to help fund education.

\$ Youngstown

Three of four unions have reached contract agreements with the YSU administration. Two summer programs, Festival of the Arts, and an honors program featuring STEM programming for highschool students was held this summer. Both were very successful. Dr. A. Bennett, head of NSF, spent a day at YSU opening its new instrumentation laboratory. YSU had been accepted into the NCA accreditation academy.

\$ Bowling Green

They are focusing on the issue of shared governance in the Academic Senate.

\$ Cincinnati

The faculty union and the administration have agreed to take faculty clinicians out of the bargaining unit. It is unclear at this time what will happen to these individuals.

Next meeting: Friday, September 12, 2008

University System of Ohio Reaches Year One Milestone

Autumn Greetings!

I'm writing this first week of September to wish you and all of our students and educational partners in the University System of Ohio a wonderful and successful 2008-2009 academic year.

It's been an exciting 12 months for the University System. A year ago, Governor Strickland created the University System of Ohio. In doing so, Ohio's 14 public universities, 24 branch campuses, 23 community colleges, and more than 200 adult workforce education centers and training programs united to provide affordable, flexible, and high-quality education to Ohioans. With almost a half-million students currently enrolled, and a quarter-million joining over the next ten years, the University System is working hard to create one of the most educated and competitive workforces in the world.

Days ago, we re-launched the University System of Ohio Web site at www.uso.edu. Come visit to learn more about some of the System's achievements in year one and what the University System has to offer you: [Affordable textbooks](#). [Faculty innovator awards](#). [Early college credit programs](#). [Grants and scholarships](#). [College and university profiles and accomplishments](#). And more – waiting for you.

After all, the University System of Ohio is *your* System, comprised of *your* colleges, *your* universities, and *your* adult workforce network. It belongs to all the people of Ohio.

Explore the pages at www.uso.edu, and let us know what we can do for you as a student – or as a parent, alumnus or other educational partner – to help continue building the highest quality, student-centered system of higher education in the country – the University System of Ohio.

Regards,

Chancellor Eric D. Fingerhut

COVER SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO ALL REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Date: **August 29, 2008** 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 7/10/07) **Julia Gergits, Huaiyu (Peter) Chen, Michael Crist, Cary Horvath, Joni Koneval, Matt O'Mansky, Renee McManus, Mikaella Miller, Sue Miller, Nicole Mullins, Phil Munro, Tom Oder, Angela Spalsbury, Yaqin Wang**

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

The General Education Committee is appending a list of certified courses that have cleared the circulation process without objection. See attachment.

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?

Other relevant data: _____

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

APPENDIX

Certified General Education Courses

The following courses have been certified and circulated for ten days without objection. They are being appended to the Senate Agenda as an indication of their certification as general education courses.

Capstone:

DHYG 4840: Directed Dental Hygiene Research (990558)

Critical-Thinking Intensive

DHYG 3703L: Clinical Dental Hygiene 3 (990557)

Personal and Social Responsibility

Phil 2616: Character and Virtue (990549)

Program-Intensive—Critical Thinking

Biology Program

Societies and Institutions

PHIL 2608: The Examined Life (990551)

Writing Intensive

DHYG 4850: Dental Public Health (990559)