

OSU Newark Faculty Assembly Minutes
Tuesday, May 5, 2009
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In Attendance: Derek Alwes, Miroslav Asic, Jose Cabral, Ann Donahue, Ron Emoff, Diana Erchick, Dan Leavell, Angela Harvey, Terri Hessler, Kate Ivanova, Alan Loper, Bill MacDonald, Kenneth Madsen, Bruce Mainland, Howard Marcum, J. Andrew Roberts, Jennifer Roberts, Paul Sanders, Susan Scott, Matt Stenzel, Binaya Subedi, Asuman Turkmen, Dionisio Viscarri, Christine Warner.

Meeting called to order at: 3:35 PM

Presiding: Dan Leavell

Secretary: Minutes recorded by Matt Stenzel and edited by Adrian Rodgers

Approval of Minutes, April, 2009: Moved and unanimously approved.

Dean-Director Bill MacDonald

The Dean Director reported:

Announcements: Revision of the P&T document is tasked to the Executive Committee.

All are invited to the Faculty Lecture series talk by G. Bruce Mainland on Thursday, May 7, 2009, at 7 p.m. in the John Gilbert Reese Center.

Strategic Plan:

It was moved that the faculty assembly endorse the strategic plan and seconded. Discussion ensued clarifying details of the plan. The plan was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Associate Dean Paul Sanders

Associate Dean Sanders filed the following report:

Associate Dean's Report

Faculty Assembly, May 5, 2009

1. Implementation of the Student Information System (SIS) will be complete in Summer, 2009. Please visit the Faculty Center which can be accessed at <http://buckeyelink.osu.edu/facultystaff.php> and spend some time looking at the various functions. Grades will be entered here instead of through the Registrar's site, and there are other useful functions.
2. Another change that will be coming—effective in Autumn, 2009 the SEI instrument will be administered only online. Paper SEIs will no longer be an option after Summer quarter, and eSEIs will become part of the SIS system. Faculty will be able to retrieve their reports and individual summaries through the SIS Faculty Center.
3. Tony Hall, Former US Ambassador to Rome, three-time Nobel Peace Prize Nominee, former member of the House of Representatives for Ohio's 3rd District, will be our Convocation keynote speaker on September 22, 2009.

3. **Announcements:** Ernest Gaines will be here to talk about his book, *A Lesson Before Dying*, on Thursday, May 14 at 7:30 in the Reese Center. I hope many of you will attend. Other important upcoming events—The Graduation Celebration on May 19th at 6:00 pm (those who agreed to process will receive an e-mail soon about meeting time and location), and the Spring Faculty Dinner will be on May 29th at the Granville Inn (a cash bar will be available at 6:30 with the buffet at 7:00 pm). Deadline to RSVP is Friday May 15th.

Associate Dean Sanders announced:

ESEI: Some discussion ensued. The entire university is adopting ESEI. Discussion ensued. The discursive form will still be available. The ESEI has a comment section for each category as an instructor option (it is thought). Some concern was expressed concerning (possibly low) response rates. There are some advantages to the ESEI (saving paper, labor).

Assistant Dean Katey Borland

No report

Executive Committee Report, Dan Leavell

Chair Dan Leavell reported: Elections for Officers coming up. There are openings for 5 or 6 positions (including vice chair), secretary, and faculty rep and faculty rep alternate, and ombud. Nominations are needed. A slate will be developed and voted on at the next meeting. Send nominations to Dan Leavell.

Jennifer Roberts spoke about the Development Office's procedures for the handling of philanthropic gifts. The Office needs to be involved for any external funding not going through OSRF. All gifts should immediately be delivered to the Development Office. Also if someone endorses a check for one of your programs, then the check has to be made out to the Ohio State University Foundation. Also don't hold on to checks, they should be immediately delivered to the Development Office.

Sunny Caldwell discussed the program for Sustainability and Service-Learning. It is a year long course with 4 pass/fail credits. The class had about 15 people. The anchor course was A&S 101. Concepts related to sustainability and service learning were discussed. There were 4 group projects: Community Supported Agriculture, The Green Fair, Landscaping with Native Plants, and Recycling on the Newark Campus. Sunny discussed the service outcomes and the learning outcomes of the course. Some student comments about their experience in the course were shared.

University Senators: Nath Rao & Liz Weiser

Prior to the meeting, Senator Weiser circulated the following report to faculty by email:

The University Senate and the Faculty Council both met in April, and the Senate meets again this week. Actions include the following:

- 1) Semester Update: Nath Rao, our regional campus representative to the CESP, the Committee responsible for preparing the final proposal for a semester calendar (along with most of the rest of the semester logistics), will be organizing a videoconference in conjunction with the Regional

Campus Faculty Council for interested regional faculties to discuss any concerns with the proposed calendar sometime in this coming month.

2) SIS—the “new Buckeye Link”: The Council got the same presentation Paul will give today—again, the information (from Paul’s memo) is this: From Buckeye Link’s Faculty & Staff page (<http://buckeyelink.osu.edu/facultystaff.php>) select “Navigating Faculty Center” under the “Student Information System (SIS)” heading. After you’ve had the opportunity to explore, you can view your own Faculty Center by returning to the Buckeye Link Faculty & Staff page, clicking on “Faculty Center,” and completing the login process.

3) Textbooks: The Council heard a presentation from the main Barnes & Noble rep this month, and she explained something I (and perhaps you?) had not realized: The bookstore asks us to submit our textbook orders for the next quarter quite early **because** if they know the book will be used again, they (1) allow students to sell it back to them, and (2) pay them a good bit more for it than they would otherwise get if we were not using it. She explained the whole process, but basically it convinced me—and I hope others—to try harder to get my book orders in by their deadline (which is tomorrow, May 6, for us for summer, by the way).

4) Rules: The Senate voted in April to clarify that its government affairs committee members could not officially lobby the legislature—one of those “don’t let the overeager professors ruin things” measures, I think. And this month, the Senate will be voting to delete an arcane bit of semantics that leaves you wondering about the history behind the words. In a nutshell, it is currently a university rule that all communication with deans or provosts be passed through the department chair, AND in the case of regional campus faculty, all communication must be passed through the dean/director. You can read below the proposed words to be eliminated and the replacing sentiment—that all faculty have the right to communicate directly with administrators—period. Next month we apparently tackle the language currently restricting us from communicating with the president. ☺

PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT OF FACULTY RULE 3335-5-09, “COMMUNICATION WITH THE DEAN”; SPONSORED BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE.

3335-5-09 Communication with the dean, and vice president and provost.

(A) All faculty members ~~of the department~~ shall have the right to transmit, ~~through their chair or director,~~ to the dean of their college, and to the office of the vice president and provost any *relevant* communications bearing upon the work in which they are personally engaged, ~~and the chair or director shall promptly transmit to the dean any communication so received. For faculty with the rank of professor, this usual method of communication may be altered in an individual case.~~

(B) ~~This rule shall in no way limit the dean in communicating with members of his or her faculty.~~

~~3335-5-09.1 Communication with the executive vice president and provost.~~

(A) Each faculty member assigned to a regional campus shall have the right to transmit, through the dean and director, to the executive vice president and provost or designee, any relevant communication bearing upon the work in which he or she is personally engaged, and the dean and director shall promptly transmit to the executive vice president and provost or designee any communication so received. For faculty with the rank of professor, this usual method of communication may be altered in an individual case.

(B) ~~This rule shall in no way limit the executive vice president and provost or designee in communicating with the regional campus faculty.~~ (B/T 2/1/80, B/T 7/8/83, B/T 10/4/85, B/T 12/5/86, B/T 11/2/90, B/T 5/3/96, B/T 4/4/97, B/T 12/4/98)

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Weiser, University Senator

May 5, 2009

Additionally, a memo was distributed. The “one big thing” is that Nath is working to organize a videoconference of the regional faculty to discuss

concerns with the calendar shift. There are also forums in Columbus to gather concerns about the calendar conversion.

The new SIS system is up and running.

It's important to get textbook orders in on time so that students can get the best results when buying or selling textbooks.

Rules have been changed to allow faculty members to have the right to communicate directly with dean of their college, and to the office of the vice president and provost.

Faculty Senator, Arts and Sciences: Derek Alwes

The Executive Dean for Arts and Sciences College search is ongoing but there is nothing new to report.

OSU-Newark Faculty Assembly Committee Reports

Academic Affairs: Mary Bendixen-Noe, Acting Chair

No Report

Cultural Arts and Events: Derek Alwes

Committee Chair Alwes circulated this report:

Dan Leavell presented the latest Lunch For The Brain last week on plans to convert environmentally degraded areas in Newark and Mt. Vernon into solar electricity fields. I want to take this opportunity to invite faculty to volunteer to present their research to the community.

The committee is also helping to sponsor a visit by the award-winning documentary filmmaker Lolis Elie, being organized by Virginia Cope. Elie will be here next Tuesday to screen his film "Fauborg Treme: The Untold Story of Black New Orleans," which chronicles the story of the oldest African American neighborhood in the US, both before and after Katrina. The film will begin at 12:45 in the Reese Ballroom, followed by a question-and-answer period with the filmmaker around 2 pm.

Faculty Representative: Howard Marcum

No Report

Faculty Well-Being: Binaya Subedi

Friday May 8 is the last day to complete the faculty well-being survey.

Information Technology Services Committee: Robert Hughes

There are new multimedia rooms in Founders; reorganization processes have begun with 3 new cost shared positions; plus a help desk management position is coming soon.

The following report was also circulated:

1. In early May Howard and Corri Edwards will be attending the OSU CIO Community Advisory Group meeting to join in discussions surrounding OSU's eLearning Strategic Plan and an effort to update / reshape the Minimum Computer Security Standards for the institution.
2. Web Content Management System project. Kickoff meeting held April 24. Andrew Roberts and Jose Cabral are representing faculty interests in the project team. Project estimated to be complete by Sept 14 in time for the start of Autumn Quarter. Howard is available to provide a more detailed project update if desired.

3. ITS reorganization. Progress continues. 3 new cost shared positions are currently being advertised. Positions include Programmer Analyst, eLearning System Administrator, Manager, IT Support Services. Interview process should start mid-late May. In June will start hiring process for the 2 Help Desk Analyst positions.
4. Classroom Facilities Update. (1) OSU Annex Multimedia Room. Most equipment is installed. Some wiring and power requirements remain. Supposedly not needed until Autumn Quarter but are ahead of schedule. (2) Founders Hall renovation. 5 new multimedia classrooms. Scheduled to be available for Autumn Quarter.

Library Committee: Terri Hessler.

Users can add a tab that says ``Library'' to Carmen and can get a library staffer to maintain the link with resources students may need for the course. Also OhioLink is struggling financially and is considering a lot of changes. Let Susan Scott know what databases we use from OhioLink.

Ombudsperson: Miroslav Asic

Two possible cases are pending.

Professional Standards: Mitch Lerner

The committee has selected a Barnes Award winner which will be announced shortly.

Student Matters: Robert Cook

The committee will extend the call for student initiated research grants until Monday.

Other Committee Reports

Campus Access Committee: Adrian Rodgers

No report

Diversity Committee: Christine Warner

The World Cafe took place on 4/24. Between 15-21 people attended between the three hours. We will meet again on May 18 to reflect. Please attend the Ernest Gaines event next week.

Earthworks Center: Dick Shiels

No Report

Old Business

New Business

Announcements

Adrian Rodgers--The Faculty Assembly Constitution requires year-end committee reports be submitted in writing by the next Faculty Assembly meeting to the Secretary.

Christine Warner--Please encourage students to share their responses to ``A Lesson Before Dying'' on the response wall in the Warner Center.

Motion to adjourn: The meeting adjourned.