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Consultants offer suggestions for sustaining aerotechnology program

If there is a will, there is a way. When it comes to the future of the College of Technology’s aerotechnology program, Thomas Erekson, dean, has been saying that for almost a year.

In late December, two consultants brought in to examine the prospects for the currently discontinued program said basically the same thing.

If the program is to continue and be successful, the University is going to have to step up to the plate financially and improve conditions in a number of areas. That is the opinion of Glen Nenecek of Oklahoma State University and Michael Kroes of Purdue University, who were on campus for two days in mid-December.

Charles Middleton, provost and president for academic affairs, said he was “pleased with the report and the clarity of its recommendations.” Discussions about the program’s future have been initiated and Erekson has developed a proposed plan of action. Middleton said he hoped a decision can be made within the next two weeks.

The report, issued on the last day of the year, said that Bowling Green has a solid program and it has a number of qualities which could be used to maintain its success and competitiveness. These qualities include a strong curriculum, the expertise and enthusiasm of the faculty and students, the location of the University, the location of the airport in relation to the University and the proven success of the program based on its job placement record.

“BSGU’s regional and national reputation and recognition provide a great advantage in student recruitment and placement,” they added.

But the duo also listed four areas that need improvement.

First, the University needs to cancel the program’s existing debt (or establish a long-term payback schedule), which is estimated at more than $70,000. It also need to establish a method of financing the program, which does not rely as heavily on flight fees as a source of income.

Second, a commitment to enhance recruiting efforts will need to be made. “Generally, an aerotechnology student population of approximately 150-160 students divided between flight and management programs is considered the minimum enrollment for justifying the facility and resources necessary for delivering a quality program,” the report said.

Third, at least one additional faculty member, which could be a tenure-track program director, will need to be hired.

And fourth, renovating the Technology Annex is a must. If done, it will improve both the learning environment and the recruiting efforts.

The team also said the city and county would need to provide additional support for the program, including adjusting the current airplane fuel fee structure.

In conclusion, the pair wrote, “We

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Clinical psychology program receives maximum reaccreditation from APA

The Department of Clinical Psychology has been reaccredited by the American Psychological Association, this time for seven years.

“The association recently increased the possible term of accreditation from five to seven years, so we were one of the first to get the new term,” Douglas Ullman, director of the program, said.

The department was visited by teams from the APA last summer which evaluated eight aspects, or “domains” of its functioning. The department scored high in every area, Ullman said. The evaluators commented that Bowling Green has successfully made the transition from a more traditional program to one with “more focused tracks,” he added, adapting to the rapid developments in mental health care over the past 50 years.

“While the clinical faculty are clearly an important and valued component of the psychology department and they have clear responsibilities for determining the direction of the clinical program,” the APA report stated. “In summary, the program does an excellent job of preparing (its) students for entry levels of practice, research and teaching.”

Bowling Green’s clinical psychology program, which includes about 60 graduate students and 10 clinical faculty, has three concentrations: clinical child psychology, community psychology and behavioral medicine, which deals with psychological factors associated with physical disorders such as hypertension.

Three new provost’s associates bring expertise to enhance variety of areas

Three faculty have been selected to perform special assignments in the provost’s office, Charles Middleton, provost and vice president for academic affairs, announced Jan. 15.

Ann Marie Lancaster, computer science, has been appointed to an 18-month assignment that will include issues related to developing technical services on campus. Networking the residence halls; creating ways to use technology in instruction; examining how technology fees can best be utilized to enhance access to computer technology for students, faculty and staff, and working on Project 2000, which is developing procedures for setting the proper date on computers following 1999 are among the issues toward which Lancaster will direct her attention.

She will relinquish her duties as chair of the computer science department, but will continue to teach and do research on a half-time basis.

Bruce Edwards, English, and Deanne Snavely, chemistry, will work with undergraduate instruction, enrollment, curriculum, advising and registration issues during the spring semester.

appointments are quarter-time and each will continue their normal assignments, but on a reduced level.

The Provost’s Associate appointments are part of an initiative to utilize the special talents of faculty who want to become involved in administrative projects that are vital to the University’s efforts to become a premier learning community, Middleton said.

“I’m delighted to find three talented and energetic faculty colleagues to work with me, the deans, the chairs and others in enhancing the overall quality of the University,” he added.

Lancaster became chair of the computer science department in 1984 and since then has guided its rapid growth and development into a reputable academic program. She has been a strong advocate of Bowling Green’s transformation into a technological campus. She has also been active in campus governance, serving as Faculty Senate chair and receiving the 1988 Faculty Distinguished Service Award.

Snavely, an associate professor of chemistry, joined the faculty in 1985 and has compiled an impressive teaching and

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Back-to-school rush
Karen Sternberg (right), a part-time employee helping with the beginning-of-semester rush, sells books to Jessica Porterfield (left), a freshman. The University Bookstore extended its hours last weekend, including Sunday, to accommodate returning students. According to John Buckenmeyer, bookstore director, the staff served more than 200 customers over the two days. The bookstore’s, registrar’s, housing, financial aid and parking services offices all opened their doors Sunday to serve students.
Meth named director of public events for College of Musical Arts

Deborah L. Meth, an arts administrator from New York City, is the new director of public events and assistant to the dean of the College of Musical Arts. She will be responsible for public outreach activities of the college, duties which include managing and directing more than 400 public performances annually by faculty and students, planning and producing the Festival Series and overseeing the Summer Music Institute and Creative Arts Program. Meth also will be involved in planning special events for donors and friends of the college.

H. Lee Higgins, dean, noted that Meth brings to Bowling Green "all the prerequisites to take us to a higher level of arts presentation. She has extensive experience in arts management, all of the managerial skills needed to work effectively with people and the energy, stamina and interest necessary for promoting the arts in northwest Ohio.” For the past year, Meth was a publicist for Agnes Breece and Associates in New York promoting such artists as Chanticleer and the Brooklyn Philharmonic.

From 1987-95, she was manager of educational and symphonic licensing for the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers in New York. There, she negotiated national contracts with industry leaders and representatives of national service groups and marketed ASCAP license agreements to music users in addition to handling other duties, including making sure performances of copyrighted music were licensed for lawful performances.

From 1984-87 she worked for ICM Artists Ltd. in a variety of roles, assisting in managing classical musicians' tours and engagements and coordinating artists and conductors' rehearsals, recordings and performances.

A native of Long Island, N.Y., Meth earned a bachelor's degree in vocal performance in 1975 from Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y. She is a member of the American Symphony Orchestra League, the Association of Performing Arts Presenters, Chamber Music American, Chorus American and the International Society of Performing Arts Administrators.

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believe that given the current financial situation, funding and staffing levels, a suspension of enrollment was reasonable and appropriate step. To simply lift the enrollment suspension and return to the previous operating procedures will not provide BGSU with a quality aerotechnology program.

“Although we believe BGSU has the components necessary to deliver a quality program...we think this course of action should only be pursued if the University is willing to commit the required resources.”

Workshops offered to faculty, staff on technology in teaching, learning

As part of the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology’s mission to assist faculty in the use of technology in pedagogy, weekly workshops in such topics as using PowerPoint, using online discussion groups and file transfer protocol, creating web pages and scanning images have been scheduled for now through April. The workshops are free and open to all faculty and staff. Weekly listings will appear on the Monitor calendar. Attendees should have a BGNet account, established at least 48 hours prior to the workshop. For the workshops on creating web pages, attendees will need an account on the University Infoserver. For reservations, call 2-6898.

Bowling Green State University received the second highest ranking among doctorate-granting graduate psychology programs in Ohio in ratings released by the National Research Council. Only Ohio State University received a higher ranking among state schools offering doctoral degrees in this field. In its study, the NRC looked at the quality and effectiveness of more than 3,600 doctoral programs in 41 fields at 274 universities across the United States.
Ribeau, students set town meeting to discuss Ohio school funding policies

Students from the Dean’s Advisory Council in the College of Education and Allied Professions and President Sidney Ribeau are producing the first in a series of BGSU town meetings, to be aired on WGBU-TV27.

Inspired by the PBS documentary “Children in America’s Schools with Bill Moyers,” the meeting will address the topic of inequities in school funding in Ohio. The PBS special takes viewers on a tour of Ohio’s schools, illustrating the vast differences among city, rural and suburban schools. According to producer Jeffrey Hayden, who holds an honorary degree from Bowling Green, he chose Ohio for the documentary because the state has the largest discrepancy in state per-pupil spending, ranging from $3,088 to $13,752 per student, per year.

The broadcast will be aired Thursday, Jan. 23 at 8 p.m. during Ribeau’s weekly program. In Erie County, viewers may see the entire program on the Cablesystem’s channel 27. Live feeds are also planned from 101 Sycamore Hall and the Firelands campus. Audience members in the two remote sites can present on-air questions and comments, relayed to Ribeau with the help of Les Sternberg, dean of the College of Education and Allied Professions at Otscamp, and R. Darby Williams, dean of Firelands College, at Firelands. Television viewers may also call, fax or email in their responses.

“Children in America’s Schools” will air during the first hour of the broadcast, followed by a panel discussion on school-funding policy. The eight panelists include Laura M. Nee, BGSU senior and state president of the Ohio Student Education Association; Cynthia Beckley, educational administration and supervision; Bill Phills, executive director of the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding; state representatives Randy Gardner and Jack Ford; Gary Keller, superintendent of Sandusky County schools; Sylvia Washburn, who was named teacher of the Year by the Walt Disney channel in 1990, and Penelope Getz, president of the advisory board of the Wood County Educational Service Center.

Ample time is allotted for on-campus university faculty, staff and students plan the event are Doug Garman, director of the Wood County Educational Service Center, and Larry Busdeker, Hancock County superintendent of schools.

Survey to assess job satisfaction on campus

All Bowling Green State University employees will be distributed a confidential survey on Feb. I designed to assess their feelings about their jobs and their work environment.

The idea for the project came from Faith Olson, evaluation and allied professions, who is also a doctoral student in higher education administration and vice chair of classified staff concerning the report from last year’s Focus on February groups, when it was suggested that such an evaluation would aid in the implementation of the University’s new, circular organizational structure, Olson decided to pursue this research as part of her doctoral work.

She is working with a team of doctoral students from the departments of educational administration and supervision and higher education administration to conduct and collate the results of the survey. The survey has been endorsed by President Sidney Ribeau and Provost Charles Middleton.

Results will be made available to the University community and the administration.

University logo finalists on display

Two dates have been scheduled for the the university logo competition to see and comment on the proposed logo marks currently being developed for the University. The Graphics Standards committee approved for this year by President Ribeau, has set 4 p.m., Jan. 28 and 7 p.m., Feb. 5 as open sessions for people to learn more about the project of creating a new logo and graphic standards for the University. Both sessions will be in Jerome Library conference rooms.

An updated logo mark and guidelines for its use will be the initial steps in the University’s efforts to create printed materials that have a consistent visual appearance that clearly represents Bowling Green.

Bingman awarded Fulbright to study learning and memory in Spain

Verner Bingman, an associate professor of psychology, left for Spain earlier this month, the recipient of a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship.

Through July he will be a guest lecturer at the University of Seville, teaching graduate and undergraduate classes in neuroethology and the neurobiology of learning and memory.

In addition, he will be conducting research at Seville’s biophysics laboratory, one of the top research centers of its kind in Europe.

Bingman’s most recent research has focused on determining which areas of the brain are used to process spatial information and store spatial memories, such as direction and distance. He uses homing pigeons in his experiments. Bingman said he hopes his work with Salas will give him new insights into his research which he can apply when he returns to Bowling Green.

The author of more than 40 journal articles, he has made more than 25 presentations at both national and international conferences and workshops. He is a member of the Society for Neuroscience, Sigma Xi scientific research honor society, the Animal Behavior Society and the American Ornithologists Union.

Bingman earned his doctorate from the State University of New York at Albany. Before joining the University faculty in 1989, he taught at the University of Maryland and at the University of Pisa, Italy.

Bingman is the third faculty member this year to be named a Fulbright Scholar and one of more than 60 Bowling Green faculty members to be honored since the program began in 1946.

During the fall semester, Fiona MacKinnon-Slaney, professor of higher education administration and student affairs, taught at Beijing Normal University, China. This summer, Dr. Ellen Berry, associate professor of English and director of the University’s women studies program, is teaching and conducting research at Charles University in Prague, the Czech Republic.

Three faculty retire in January

Richard Bowers, HPER, Michael Moore, continuing education, international and summer programs, and Robert Perry, ethnic studies, retired effective Jan. 1. All three will continue their service to the University under the supplemental retirement plan.

Bowers, an expert in exercise physiology, came to Bowling Green in 1969. As director of the University’s Human Performance Laboratory, a position he held until 1986, and later as fitness director at the Student Recreation Center, he has conducted assessments and prescribed exercise regimens for hundreds of students, athletes and faculty. He also has studied the effects of exercise in temperature extremes and issued safety guidelines.

Bowers co-edited the fourth and fifth editions of The Physiological Basis of Physical Education and Athletics, a popular textbook, among other books and research articles. In 1971 he was elected to the Board of Trustees of the American College of Sports Medicine and was one of only a few people certified by the college as a program director. Since 1995, he has served as director of recreational sports.

Moore was the founder and the only director of Arts Unlimited, an aesthetics education program that links the University to primary and secondary schools in northwest Ohio. Begun in 1980, it is affiliated with New York’s Lincoln Center and has won numerous awards for the excellence of its achievements.

Moore has developed a national reputation as a consultant in arts education programs.

He came to Bowling Green in 1965 as an assistant professor of history. He taught and published on a wide variety of topics including the Gilded Age, American economic history and the history of higher education. In 1979 he served as acting assistant dean of Firelands College. He was co-founder and first chair of the Ohio Faculty Senate from 1969-74 and in 1971 was voted ODK’s Faculty Man of the Year.

Perry, who earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Bowling Green in 1959 and 1965, respectively, returned to campus in 1970 to direct the Ethnic Studies Center, which later achieved departmental status. The only person to have held the position of chair in ethnic studies, he worked to improve racial balance in the University’s course offerings and to bring diverse cultural experiences to the campus. In 1972 he was instrumental in initiating a major and minor program in black studies.

Perry, an authority on gang behavior, has helped organize the department’s annual Ethnic Studies Conference, which has had such keynote speakers as authors Alex Haley and James Baldwin. He was honored in 1994 with the top award of the National Association of Ethnic Studies, the Charles C. and Jervis D. Dux- guish Service Award for his dedication to teaching ethnic studies.
ASC discusses performance review

At its meeting on Jan. 2, Administrative Staff Council heard an update from Donna Wittwer, University benefits manager, and discussed progress on the new performance-evaluation form being developed for administrative staff.

Wittwer told council the University has just renegotiated a two-year contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. No significant changes were reported, but there is a clause in the contract stating that the University may cancel the policy if such changes do occur.

Employees can now make changes at any time to their tax-deferred annuities, which previously could be done only once a year. The benefits office will monitor the number of changes made to determine if limits need to be set.

The state has mandated that the University select a managed-care organization by Feb. 15 for workers' compensation recipients. A committee is working on this, including administrative staff members. Wittwer, Dan Parrott, environmental health and safety, and Josh Kaplan, health services.

Council gave comments and suggestions about the performance-evaluation form on which the performance appraisal committee has been working. Judy Donald, continuing education, said the committee, which began meeting in the fall of 1995, is made up of representatives from all vice-presidential areas. Its aim is for the form to be in use for the new fiscal year 1997-98. Training for all staff will be critical to the success of the evaluation process, she said. Bryan Benner, interim director of human resources, said all administrative staff would go through training sessions.

These sessions are tentatively planned for March and April.

Council members voiced several concerns about the form and the process, notably whether merit will figure into the appraisal process and how merit is to be defined. Benner stressed that the committee has not been charged with determining merit issues.

Council members also were curious about how the appraisal will be used, for example, if it is designed to help employees move through their salary range.

Another major concern was that employees are not being consistently evaluated across campus.

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