1. The meeting was called to order by the chairperson of the University Senate, Bruce Hozeski, at 4:05 p.m. Roll Call was taken by initialing the roster located at the entrance to AJ 175.


Substitutes: Roger Lavery for N. Kingsbury, Mark Myring for J. Ledbetter, Tara King for C. Lehnertz, Larry Smith for B. Messner, James Needham for B. Umansky, Kelly Hake for G. Watson


2. Announcements

A motion was made and seconded (Walker/Popovich) to approve the minutes of November 30, 2006.

Motion carried.

A. Next Scheduled Meetings

Senate Agenda Committee – February 12, 2007, 8:00 a.m., AT 202F
University Senate – February 22, 2007, 4:00 p.m., AJ 175

B. Board of Trustees Action

Approved by Board of Trustees 12/15/06
2. Addition of free-standing birthing centers under BSU healthcare plan – will take effect immediately.

C. Program Information – Academic Posting 2006-07 Volume XXXVIII-4

Revised Programs:
College of Applied Sciences and Technology
   School of Physical Education, Sport, and Exercise Science
   Master of Arts or Master of Science in Physical Education
College of Sciences and Humanities
   Department of Anthropology
   Master of Arts in Anthropology
   Department of Physiology and Health Science
   Master of Arts in Health Science
   Master of Science in Health Science
Department of Political Science
   Master of Arts in Political Science
   Master of Public Administration (MPA)
Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology
   Doctor of Audiology (AuD)
The Chairperson reminded the members that these program revisions become official when the minutes are approved of this meeting.

D. Update on progress of Task Force on Student Academic Ethics Policy

The Chairperson reported that the task force is nearing completion of their charge.

E. Establishment of a due date for Senate action items to be returned to Agenda Committee.

The Chairperson reported that this was discussed by Agenda Committee members because items were taking too long to work their way through the governance system. A reasonable date will be established for a response to be returned to the Agenda Committee.

II. In Memoriam – M. John Eiden, Louis E. Ingelhart

III. Committee Reports

A. Governance and Elections Committee – Ione DeOllos, Chairperson

Ione reported that the second reading of the constitutional changes is on today’s agenda. The electronic voting statement will be submitted for the next Agenda Committee meeting.

B. Faculty Council – Mark Popovich, Chairperson. The next meeting of the Council is February 1, in AJ 175.

C. University Council – Barb Wills (Vice Chairperson) for Adam Stegner.

The Council did not meet in January, but will meet in February to receive committee reports.

D. Campus Council – Matthew Walker, Chairperson. The Council did not meet in January.
IV. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Bruce W. Hozeski  
(Enclosure #1 – Issues in the Senate System)  
The Chairperson informed the members that there was a large amount of information pertaining to cheating on exams, which was supplied by students during a writing competency exam prompt this past year. The Senate Agenda Committee has requested that a task force be formed to bring together information and make recommendations through the governance system.

V. Questions Directed to the President

The chairperson reported that President Gora sends her regrets in not being present today.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Terry King discussed the Strategic Plan Task Force Report. The report to the President is on the University website at www.bsu.edu/strategicplan.

Questions Directed to the Provost: Discussion ensued regarding budget allocations to departments and the strategic plan.

VI. Question and Answer Period

A senator inquired about the status of admissions. The Provost responded that he did not have exact numbers, but believes admissions are up around twenty-five percent and the average SAT score is up thirty points. This is moving in the right direction in admitting higher quality students.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution – Second Reading  
(1/25/07 Senate Agenda, Enclosure #2)

Ione DeOllos, Chairperson of the Governance and Elections Committee, discussed the addition of a new professional area, making the total six. The first part of the proposed amendment is to address that change, with regard to the membership of the University Senate and University Council.

The second item on the back page concerns the addition of a representative from all six professional areas to the membership of the Salary and Benefits Committee. She gave the history of the original separation of the two committees that would report to their respective councils; however, this change did not take place. As it stands now, there is not enough representation of professional personnel on this committee.

A motion was made and seconded (Popovich/Meier) to vote on each item separately.

Motion carried.

1. A motion was made and seconded (Johnson/Eflin) to approve the first section, pertaining to University Senate membership.

Discussion ensued.

There was a call for the question (Mills/Walker); however, the Chairperson of the Senate allowed further discussion at this time.

The motion to approve the first section of the amendment carried.
2. A motion was made and seconded (Popovich/Mucherah) to approve the second section, pertaining to University Council membership.

   Motion carried.

3. A motion was made and seconded (Popovich/Pearson) to approve the third section, pertaining to membership on the Salary and Benefits Committee.

   Discussion ensued.

   Motion failed.

   A motion was made and seconded (Zivney/Popovich) to send this section to the Faculty Council for further work.

   Motion carried.

VIII. New Business

A. Election of James Ruebel as Faculty Athletics Representative to the NCAA and MAC.

   The Chairperson opened the floor for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the Senate floor.

   A motion was made and seconded (Pearson/Mills) to accept the nomination of James Ruebel as the Faculty Athletics Representative to the NCAA and MAC.

   Motion carried, with abstentions.

IX. Other Items

1. UCC-21 is working its way through the University Core Curriculum Subcommittee. They will be meeting again next Tuesday, February 1, 5:00 p.m., AJ 384.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

February 22, 2007

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Bruce W. Hozeski, Chairperson                      Rebecca Adams, Secretary

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