MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE 2011-12 UNIVERSITY SENATE
Thursday, April 21, 2011

Members Present: 48  Members Absent: 15

1. The meeting was called to order by the chairperson of the University Senate, Eric Kelly, at 4:45 p.m.

Roll Call was taken by initialing the roster located at the entrance to LB 125.


Substitutes: Jeff Fry for E. Agnew, Ronald Hicks for C. Boyd, Cliff Stone for J. Green, Beth Terrell for C. Munchel, Peter Zapp for D. Shawger, Mike Miller for K. Thurman


2. Eric Kelly, chairperson of the 2010-11 senate, yielded the floor to John Ledbetter, 2010-11 chairperson of the Governance and Elections Committee, who presided over the meeting for the purpose of conducting elections.

3. New Business

A. Elections – Senate Officers

A list of nominees for the election of Senate officers and Agenda Committee was presented. (University Senate Agenda, 4/21/11, Enclosure #1)

Members received biographical sketch information for each nominee on today’s ballot. The presiding officer requested the nominees to stand prior to the elections of the office in which they were nominated.

1. Chairperson

Nominees: Eric Kelly  David Pearson

The floor was opened for additional nominations for chairperson. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made and seconded (Crawley/Hanley) to close nominations.

The motion carried.

Eric Kelly was elected to serve as chairperson, by ballot.

2. Vice Chairperson

Nominees: Richard Bellaver

The floor was opened for additional nominations for vice chairperson. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made and seconded (Crawley/Kelly) to close nominations.
The motion carried.

Richard Bellaver was elected to serve as vice chairperson, by majority vote, with abstention.

3. **Secretary**

   Nominees: Amy Leahy
   Scott Rice-Snow

   The floor was opened for additional nominations for secretary. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made and seconded (Benkato/Crawley) to close nominations.

   The motion carried.

   Amy Leahy was elected to serve as secretary, by ballot.

B. **Elections – Committees**

1. **University Senate Agenda Committee** – THREE positions

   Nominees: Ralph Bremigan
   Kip Shawger
   Murray Steib
   Lynda Wiley

   The floor was opened for additional nominations for Agenda Committee. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made and seconded (Pearson/Crawley) to close nominations.

   The motion carried.

   Ralph Bremigan and Lynda Wiley were elected to serve a two year term, ending in 2013, by ballot.

   Kip Shawger was elected to serve a one year term, ending in 2012, by ballot.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Eric Kelly, Chairperson

Amy Leahy, Secretary