MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE 2005-06 UNIVERSITY SENATE
Thursday, April 27, 2006

Members Present: 53 Members Absent: 13

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson of the University Senate, Bruce Hozeski, at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken by initialing the roster located at the entrance to CN 160.

   Members Present: B, Adams, D. Balogh, H. Boothe, A. Brown, L. Deckers, I. DeOllos, J. Eflin, M. Faroh, J. Gora, M. Harvey, M. Hawkins, J. Helton, B. Hozeski, R. Huffman, L. Johnson, K. Kalumba, M. Karls, C. Kurtz, C. Lehnertz, A. Lisec, J. Losco, J. McClure, M. McGrew, W. McCune, J. McKean, B. Messner, W. Meyer, B. Mills, H. Mortimer, W. Mucherah, J. Olesen, C. Payne, D. Pearson, M. Popovich, G. Reid, J. Rybarczyk, G. Schultz, R. Shackelford, A. Stegner, F. Suppe, B. Tietz, G. Watson, E. Whittern, B. Wills, P. Wohlt, E. Wolner, R. Yadon, T. Zivney

   Substitutes: Jeff Clark for D. Hahn, Joseph Cecil for D. Hensley, John Ledbetter for J. Schmutte, James Needham for B. Umansky, Dheeraj Sharma for J. Vann

   Members Absent: A. Dyson, S. Geraci, K. Gorman, D. Haber, S. Islam, S. Johnson, J. Jones, K. Kabadaki, K. Neumann, W. Sharp, R. Spangler, P. Spengler, E. Zygmunt-Fillwalk

   A motion was made and seconded (Lisec/Tietz) to approve the minutes of March 30, 2006, as written.

   Motion carried.

2. Announcements

   A. Removal of class schedule, sex code, and place of birth from student directory information
      (Senate Agenda 4/27/06, Enclosure #1)

      Nancy Cronk, Acting Registrar, was in attendance to answer questions.

   B. Phase-out of Department of Library Services

      The Chairperson read an excerpt from a letter dated 10/12/04 from then-Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Beverley Pitts outlining the phase out plan for the department of Library Services "at the time that one or more of the three faculty members in the department retire." There are currently three tenured faculty members in the department. Two of them will retire at the end of the academic year. The remaining faculty member will be assigned to Academic Affairs for promotion consideration and assigned to the Dean of the Libraries for the purposes of salary recommendations.

The University Senate membership will reflect this phase out plan beginning with the 2006-07 academic year, changing the Senate membership from 71 to 70 members.

3. Council/Committee Reports

A. Governance and Elections Committee – Ione DeOllos, Chairperson

The committee has a slate of officers for today's Senate election.

A motion was made and seconded (Stegner/Tietz) to accept the editorial changes to the Constitution
(Senate Agenda 4/27/06, Enclosure #2)

Motion carried.

B. Faculty Council – Joe Losco, Chairperson

The Faculty Council passed an item on today's Senate agenda.

C. University Council – Adam Stegner, Chairperson

Adam reported that the Council conducted their elections on 4/20/06. The revision to the Withdrawal Policy was passed by the Council at their last meeting and, at the request of the Senate Agenda Committee, will be sent to the Faculty Council for their review in the Fall.

D. Campus Council – Asher Lisec, Chairperson

Asher reported that the Council conducted their elections on 4/6/06. Matt Walker was elected chairperson for 2006-07. The revisions to the Student Code that were passed by the Council are on today's Senate agenda.

E. University Core Curriculum Task Force-II – Juli Eflin, Chairperson

The Task Force will be meeting on May 1 and May 2 (if necessary) to consider and discuss all departmental concerns.

F. Athletics Report to the University Senate – Howard Hammer, Chairperson, Athletics Committee, substituting for James Ruebel, Faculty Athletics Representative (Senate Agenda 4/27/06, Enclosure #3)

A motion was made and seconded (Needham/L.Johnson) to accept the report.

G. Report of Financial and Budgetary Affairs Committee – Marilyn Flowers, Chairperson

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made and seconded (Watson/Tietz) to accept the report.

4. Report by Chairperson of the Senate – Bruce W. Hozeski (Senate Agenda 4/27/06, Enclosure #4)

Bruce informed the Senate that the e-mail sent by J. McClure to all Senate members regarding grade inflation will be added to the Issues in the Senate System.

5. Questions Directed to the President

The President thanked Deb Balogh for her work at Ball State.

The President reported on the following:

1. David Broder will be the commencement speaker on May 6;
2. Representative Larry Buell will receive the President's Medal of Distinction at Saturday's graduation ceremonies;
3. She participated in the electronic field trip in Boston this past week. First Lady Laura Bush also participated in Boston for the field trip to Carlsbad Caverns;
4. Ben Hancock was appointed the new Vice President for University Advancement. Don Park will still be involved with projects on campus after his retirement;
5. They are in the final stages of appointing a new Charter School Director;
6. There is now a test-in option at Burris Laboratory School;
7. The second annual Ball State Picnic is scheduled for June 22;
8. She attended the Indiana Commission for Higher Education conference for trustees and presidents where the Riley Commission Report was discussed.

- A Senator asked if Ball State's Board of Trustees had begun complying with the recommendation of the North Central Accrediting team regarding the formation of committees to review fiscal issues before the full board considers them.

  The President responded that the trustees have debated regarding the suggested committee but have chosen not to do this.

- A Senator questioned the recent changes in Fall Break so as not to conflict with Homecoming.

  The President responded that this was the only possible alternative since there was only one home football game in October. She explained that it was not good planning to have Fall Break on the weekend of Homecoming.

The chairperson of the Senate thanked President Gora for her commitment to making budgetary information more transparent in the university system.

6. Question and Answer Period

   There were no questions

7. Unfinished Business

   There was no unfinished business.

8. Agenda Item VIII. A. (Revision of Student Code) was placed on the floor (Lisec/Kurtz) (4/27/06 Senate Agenda, Enclosure #5)

   Discussion ensued.

   The motion to approve the Revision of the Student Code carried, as written.

9. Agenda Item VIII. B. (Addition of New Criteria for Outstanding Teaching Awards) was placed on the floor (Watson/Mills)

   Recommendation:

   "The nominee must have taught at BSU for a minimum of five years."

The motion to approve the Addition of New Criteria for Outstanding Teaching Awards carried, as written.

10. Other Items

A. A motion was made and seconded (Losco/McKean) to approve the following resolution:

"The University Senate strongly disagrees with the changes made in fall break for Academic Year 2006-07 without consultation with appropriate governance bodies."

The motion carried.

B. A motion was made and seconded (Watson/Stegner) to express gratitude to Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Deborah Balogh, Vice President Don Park, President Jo Ann Gora, the outgoing Senators as well as outgoing Council and Committee members for their service this past year.

The motion carried.

11. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Bruce W. Hozeski, Chairperson

Mark Popovich, Secretary

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