# MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE 2006-07 UNIVERSITY SENATE Thursday, November 30, 2006

Members Present: 59 Members Absent: 11

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 BB 109.

Members Present: B. Adams, N. Ahmed, R. Blount, J. Cecil, G. Crawley, L. Deckers, I. DeOllos, M. Faroh, K. Gorman, F. Groom, D. Haber, D. Hahn, M. Harvey, J. Helton, B. Hozeski, R. Huffman, K. Kabadaki, K. Kalumba, T. King, N. Kingsbury, J. Ledbetter, C. Lehnertz, J. Manuel, J. McClure, W. McCune, J. McKean, S. Meier, B. Messner, B. Mills, H. Mortimer, W. Mucherah, G. Murray, K. Neumann, J. Olesen, C. Payne, D. Pearson, M. Popovich, R. Rarick, G. Reid, J. Rybarczyk, R. Shackelford, R. Spangler, R. Stankewitz, A. Stegner, F. Suppe, B. Umansky, C. Updike, J. Vann, M. Walker, G. Watson, T. White, E. Whittern, B. Wills, T. Zivney, E. Zygmunt-Fillwalk

<u>Substitutes</u>: Kyle Ellis for M. Lacy, Paul Gestwicki for M. McGrew, Marilyn Ryan for A. Wieseke, Don Merten for P. Wohlt

Members Absent: J. Eflin, J. Gora, M. Hawkins, S. Islam, L. Johnson, E. Kelly, A. Lisec, W. Sharp, P. Spengler, E. White, E. Wolner

#### 2. Announcements

A motion was made and seconded (Popovich/Watson) to approve the minutes of October 26, 2006.

Motion carried.

A. Next Scheduled Meetings

Senate Agenda Committee – January 8, 2007, 8:00 a.m., AT 202F University Senate – January 25, 2007, 4:00 p.m., AJ 175 (NOTE ROOM CHANGE)

B. Program Information – Academic Posting 2006-07 Volume XXXVIII-3 Revised Programs:

Miller College of Business

Master of Business Administration

**Business Essentials Certificate** 

College of Sciences and Humanities

Department of Computer Science

Master of Science in Computer Science

Minor in Computer Science

Department of History

Master of Arts in History

Department of Physiology and Health Science

Master of Arts in Physiology

Master of Science in Physiology

Department of Psychological Science

Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology

Teachers College

Department of Educational Studies

Master of Arts in Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education

C. Communication to Campus Community regarding senate actions

University Senate Minutes November 30, 2006 Page Two

The Chairperson informed the members of the Senate that there has been discussion at the Senate Agenda Committee regarding communicating senate actions to the departments and colleges. Beginning with this academic year, communication regarding senate actions will be sent electronically. This information will be sent after action has been taken by the President Gora or the Board of Trustees. This will allow the departments the opportunity to distribute the information to the faculty and staff in their department.

## D. UCC-21 Report

Juli Eflin, Chairperson of UCC Task Force-II, reported that the subcommittee has been meeting every Wednesday from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in NQ 112. They are considering the entire document and also suggested changes that have been submitted. It is unlikely that they will be finished by the end of this semester, but should conclude early during the spring semester.

#### 3. In Memoriam - Helen J. Berry, Janet Ross, Mary Elizabeth Wood

#### 4. <u>Committee/Council Reports</u>

#### A. Governance and Elections Committee – Ione DeOllos, Chairperson

Ione reported that the committee has met and has two items on today's agenda – the constitutional changes regarding membership and the electronic voting statement to be included in the Standing Rules of the Senate.

## B. Faculty Council – Mark Popovich, Chairperson

Mark reported that the next meeting of the Council has been cancelled. The next meeting will be February 1, 2007.

### C. University Council – Adam Stegner, Chairperson

Adam reported that the Council has met to receive committee reports. There were no items of new business.

#### D. Campus Council – Matthew Walker, Chairperson

Matt reported that the Council met and received committee reports. They are working on the issues in the senate system.

## 5. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Bruce W. Hozeski (Senate Agenda, 11/30/06, Enclosure #1)

#### 6. Questions Directed to the President

Bruce reported that the President is out of town but wanted him to report that since the last meeting of the Senate, she has been in Washington, D.C., meeting with alumni and donors as well as potential Ball State students. While in Washington, she met with representatives from the *Chronicle of Higher Education* regarding publicity of Ball State, *Inside Higher Education*, a new organization that posts job searches and has media information, and *US News and World Report*.

She also wanted to report that the Indianapolis Center officially opened yesterday, as stated in the newspaper.

#### 7. Question and Answer Period

There were no questions.

University Senate Minutes November 30, 2006 Page Three

#### 8. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

#### 9. New Business

## A. Pre-requisite class tracking

Motion approved by Instructional Media Support Committee 10/11/06, Faculty Council 11/2/06, and Senate Agenda Committee 11/20/06:

"Resources should be earmarked for University Computing Services to implement a process to resolve the pre-requisite class tracking issues of the registration system."

A motion was made and seconded (Popovich/DeOllos) to place this item on the floor for discussion.

Discussion ensued.

The motion carried.

#### B. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution – First Reading (Senate Agenda 11/30/06, Enclosure #2)

This is the first reading and submitted for informational purposes only. No discussion or vote will take place until the second reading, which will be January 25, 2007.

## C. Electronic Voting Procedure

Statement approved by the Governance and Elections Committee 11/7/06 and Senate Agenda Committee 11/20/06:

"The elected officers of the Senate and Senate committees may conduct official business, which includes voting, electronically. However, any member may object to this process. The objection will automatically cause a face-to-face meeting to replace the virtual meeting."

### To be added to the Standing Rules of the Senate

A motion was made and seconded (Pearson/Stegner) to place this item on the floor for discussion.

Several "friendly amendments" that were in the spirit of the motion were discussed.

A motion was made and seconded (Walker/Watson) to return this item to the Governance and Elections Committee for further work.

Motion carried, with abstentions.

Mark Popovich, Chairperson of the Faculty Council, stated that he hopes that the Senate and other councils and committees will be able to vote electronically, especially with procedures that are being implemented in case of a pandemic on campus.

**University Senate Minutes** November 30, 2006 Page Four

## 10. Other Items

- 1. A senator inquired about the grade inflation study. Bruce reported that the Teaching Evaluation Committee has this issue. He will check with the chairperson of that committee on its progress.
- 2. Senators were requested to pass on to committee chairpersons that the Senate needs reports from the committees regarding their activities. There are several issues that have been on the issues list for well over a year. A suggestion to alleviate this problem would be to set a deadline when action should be taken and reported back to the Senate. No action was taken on this suggestion.

11. Adjournment	
A motion was made and seconded (Adams/Stegner) to adjourn.	
Motion carried.	
The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.	
January 25, 2007	
Bruce W. Hozeski, Chairperson Rebo	ecca Adams, Secretary