

# MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE 2009-10 UNIVERSITY SENATE

Thursday, September 3, 2009

Members Present: 55

Members Absent: 7

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson of the University Senate, Brien Smith, at 4:00 p.m.

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

Members Present: B. Adams, N. Ahmed, N. Akey, C. Ball, R. Bellaver, R. Bremigan, K. Brophy, B. Cahill, P. Chandler, G. Crawley, L. Deckers, O. Dotson, A. Edmonds, R. Fluegeman, J. Fry, J. Gora, J. Green, D. Grosnick, M. Guntsche, M. Harber, L. Helms, R. Hicks, J. Huff, C. Kapinus, T. King, D. LeBlanc, J. Ledbetter, M. Maggiotto, L. Markle, C. Marlow, W. McCune, B. McRae, M. Mills, P. Parkison, J. Rybarczyk, L. Shaffer, D. Shawger, G. Slater, B. Smith, G. Stamp, M. Steib, F. Sun, D. Supa, B. Umansky, D. Waechter, K. Warren-Gordon, M. Whitlock, A. Wieseke, B. Wills, J. Yang

Substitutes: Jeff Clark for D. Marini, Jon Clausen for T. Richardson, Mike Harvey for C. Walker, Amy Petts for S. Woosley, Omar Benkato for T. Zivney

Members Absent: D. Haber, M. Johnson, R. Kanu, E. Kelly, C. Munchel, R. Rarick, W. Sharp

2. A motion was made and seconded (Supa/Adams) to approve the minutes of April 23, 2009. The following revisions will be made to the minutes: 1) Christopher Marlow and Murray Steib will be added to the "members present" section of the minutes; 2) the election of the senate secretary was not by acclamation. An election was held by paper ballot.
3. Discussion ensued regarding the Standing Rules (University Senate Agenda 9/3/09, Enclosure #1) The Senate Parliamentarian, David Pearson, discussed the operating principles of the Senate.

A motion was made and seconded (Umansky/Supa) to strike all words after "formally adopted" on item 13 in the Standing Rules. Standing Rule #13 will now read:

13. Committee reports should be brief (no longer than five minutes), official statements of the conclusions formally adopted within the reporting body.

The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded (LeBlanc/Adams) to approve the Standing Rules as revised.

The motion carried.

4. The chairperson reviewed the other announcements regarding program changes, honorary degree, Board of Trustees Action, and recognition of deaths.
5. Committee Reports
  - A. Governance and Elections Committee – John Ledbetter, Chairperson

John reported that the committee met this morning and elected Larry Markle secretary.

Faculty Council – Barry Umansky, Chairperson

Barry reported that the Faculty Council will meet next Thursday, September 10. They have an agenda item pertaining to the revision of the University Promotion and Tenure document.

B. University Council – Laura Helms, Chairperson

Laura reported that the University Council will meet on Thursday, September 17. An issue from the Senate Agenda Committee has been sent to the Extended Education Committee, which is under their purview.

C. Campus Council – Matthew Whitlock, Chairperson

Matt reported that the Campus Council chairperson who was elected at the last meeting of the spring semester, 2009, did not return to Ball State this fall. Since he was elected vice chairperson, he has taken the position of chairperson again for the academic year. The next meeting of the Campus Council to be held on September 24, will have an item on their agenda to elect a vice chairperson for this year.

6. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Brien Smith (University Senate Agenda 9/3/09, Enclosure #4)

The GANTT chart was reviewed by the membership of the Senate.

There will be a meeting of the committee chairpersons with the executive committee of the University Senate later in September. This will provide an opportunity for the committees to meet and elect officers.

David Pearson, a member of the Safe Assign Task Force, reported that progress has been made on Safe Assign and it is now fifty percent complete in application.

7. Questions Directed to the President

The President reported the following:

- On campus enrollment is up to 17,627, up from 16,901 last year
- Freshman enrollment is up: 3871 vs. 3798 last year
- Transfers are up: 773 vs. 726 last fall
- New graduate enrollment is up: 634 vs. 508 last year
- New international students are up: 243 vs. 147 last fall
- Diversity is up: among all undergraduates, 10.3% vs. 9.4% last fall; among freshmen, 11.7% vs. 10.0% last year
- Honors College freshmen up: 343 vs. 289 last fall
- Academic Honors diploma: 61.1% vs. 55.6% last fall
- Retention of the freshmen class has improved from 77% two years ago to 78.3% last year to 78.4%
- Housing is at 99% Occupancy

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held this past Tuesday (9/1/09), for DeHority Hall.

There will be an Information Technology event (Tech4U) on September 17 [including](#) the Schwartz Special Collections and Digital Complex in Bracken Library.

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Mid-October will include a celebration of the opening of the Ball Honors House with family members of Ed and Virginia Ball.

There were no questions directed to the President.

8. Question and Answer Period

There were no questions.

9. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

10. New Business

A. Membership of Councils/Committees in University Governance system  
(Senate Agenda, 9/3/09, Enclosure #5)

1. A motion was made and seconded (Umansky/Supa) to accept the membership of the Faculty Council and appointments made by the executive committee.

The motion carried.

2. A motion was made and seconded (Helms/Supa) to accept the membership of the University council and appointments made by the executive committee.

The motion carried.

11. Other Items

A. H1N1 Virus Update

The University's Crisis Management Team was represented today by Dr. Alan Hargrave, Team Chair and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Director of Housing and Residence Life, and Dr. Kay Bales, President's Cabinet Liaison and Vice President for Student Affairs, as well as Dr. Kent Bullis, Medical Director of the Health Center. The Senate Agenda Committee invited them to today's meeting to provide an update on the H1N1 Virus.

A question and answer period followed their update.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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Brien Smith, Chairperson  
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Carolyn Kapinus, Secretary