

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE 2010-11 UNIVERSITY SENATE

Thursday, April 21, 2011

Members Present: 52

Members Absent: 12

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

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

Members Present: C. Ball, R. Bellaver, R. Bremigan, G. Crawley, L. Deckers, A. Edmonds, J. Fry, J. Gora, D. Grosnick, M. Harvey, K. Hall, T. Hendricks, R. Hicks, M. Holtzman, J. Huff, R. Kanu, C. Kapinus, E. Kelly, T. King, A. Leahy, J. Ledbetter, L. Markle, C. Marlow, W. McCune, M. McGrew, M. Miller, S. Parkinson, P. Parkison, D. Pearson, K. Pickersgill, J. Popovicova, S. Rice-Snow, T. Richardson, J. Rybarczyk, G. Stamp, M. Steib, D. Supa, B. Umansky, B. Wagner, A. Wieseke, B. Wills, J. Yang, J. Zhao

Substitutes: Cliff Stone for J. Green, Lathrop Johnson for M. Guntsche, Becci Brey for D. Marini, Shon Byrum for B. McRae, Gilbert Park for T. Richardson, Beth Terrell for C. Munchel, Peter Zapp for K. Shawger, Kyle Hayes for K. Thurman, Omar Benkato for T. Zivney

Members Absent: J. Chapman, J. Coggeshall, T. Cummins, R. Dolon, D. Haber, J. Kim, M. Maggiotto, M. Pyron, W. Sharp, C. Walker, K. Warren-Gordon, M. Whitlock

2. A motion was made and seconded (Pearson/Umansky) to approve the minutes of March 24, 2011.

The motion carried.

3. Announcements

A. The Academic Posting was reviewed.

B. Results of Constitutional Amendments (University Senate Agenda 4/21/11, Enclosure #1)

John Ledbetter, chairperson of the Governance and Elections Committee, reviewed the results of the constitutional amendments. He thanked the departments for submitting their votes. There was an excellent response to these amendments.

C. Ball State Football – Coach Lembo

The chairperson of the senate reported Coach Lembo could not be here today because of rescheduling practice due to the inclement weather. He will be added to the agenda for the first meeting in the fall, 2011.

4. There was a moment of silence to recognize the deaths of Seemann Baugh, Robert O. Foster, Robert E. Marsh, and David A. Upchurch

5. Committee Reports

A. Governance and Elections Committee – John Ledbetter, Chairperson

John reported that the committee met recently and accepted the results of the constitutional amendments, and approved the slate of officers for 2011-12. The deadline for applications for the faculty position on the Indiana Commission for Higher Education has passed; there were several good applicants from Ball State. The

nominating committee, of which he is a member, will convene to make a short list to forward to the Governor, who will make the appointment.

B. Faculty Council – Barry Umansky, Chairperson

Barry reported the Faculty Council met on March 31 for their last meeting of the academic year. John Ledbetter was elected chairperson, Kip Shawger was elected vice chairperson, and Ann Wieseke was elected secretary. Dustin Supa, outgoing vice chairperson of the faculty council, presided over the meeting on March 31. He announced that Dustin will be leaving Ball State to teach at Boston University.

Dustin reported the council heard an update on the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) project and approved the revised membership and responsibilities of the salary and benefits committee.

C. University Council – Barb Wills, Chairperson

Barb reported that the University Council met on April 7 and reviewed and approved the revised membership and responsibilities of the Salary and Benefits Committee, reviewed and approved the Policy on Performing Outside Activities (Ghost Employment Policy) and elected officers for 2011-12. The executive committee remains the same: Barb Wills, chairperson; Katie Slabaugh, vice chairperson, and Cindi Marini, secretary. Yasemin Tunc was elected University Council representative to the Governance and Elections Committee. The council is in need of a faculty representative from each college to serve on the university council and encouraged them to come forward to serve.

D. Campus Council – Mike Miller, Chairperson

Mike reported the Campus Council met on April 14. The Cardinal Cash issue is one its way to being completed. The Meal Card Reimbursement issue has been resolved; they have been assured there will be a policy in place for next fall. The revisions to the Student Code were reviewed and approved and are on today's senate agenda. The officers for next year will be: Kevin Thurman, chairperson; Anthony Gary, vice chairperson; and Chad Griewank, secretary.

E. NCAA/MAC Annual Report – James Ruebel, NCAA/MAC Faculty Representative (University Senate Agenda, 4/21/11, Enclosure #2)

Jim was out of town and unable to attend today's meeting, but submitted his annual report to the university senate. He will speak to the Senate in the fall.

6. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Eric Kelly (University Senate Agenda 4/21/11, Enclosure #3)

Eric reported progress in completing the issues on the GANTT chart. Salary compression is a difficult issue. The issue of Retirement models is back in the office of the Provost for review of concerns submitted by the Salary and Benefits Committee. The policies on extended education will have to be solved in the new strategic plan.

7. Questions Directed to the President

President Gora reported on the following items:

- The legislative session ends on April 29 and it is not looking very favorable at this point. As of now, the university is facing a \$19M revenue reduction for the next biennium. This is of great concern; however, there is still time to lobby and affect the outcome.

The process the university will go through to set tuition and fees is largely dictated by statute. The first step in the process is to be notified of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education's recommended ranges on May 13. Communication with the campus regarding tuition and fees could take place on May 26, after the open forum and the Board of Trustees meeting. We would like to fund salary increases, but it is unknown whether they will be possible given projected budget reductions.

- Steve Kroft will be the spring commencement speaker (and receive an honorary degree); Marilyn Glick will receive an honorary doctorate of art degree; and Oz Nelson will receive the president's medal of distinction for his work with the Bold Campaign.
- The Board of Trustees May 6 meeting will be lengthy because there will be a presentation on a tuition restructuring proposal. It will be a simpler system, eliminating most brackets making it easier to take both on line and off campus courses, and reducing fees for online education. We will propose an incentive for taking courses in the summer, and a penalty for those students taking more than 144 credit hours in their undergraduate career. The university will also be separating undergraduate and graduate course fees. As it stands now, they are the same. There also may be fees for specialized programs, which is typical of other campuses in the state and country.

A question was asked as to whether the presentation on the tuition restructuring at the Board of Trustees meeting would be a public meeting. The President responded that it is a public meeting and everyone is welcome to attend. It is at 3:00 p.m. on May 6. The location is the third floor of the Student Center.

- Hudson Akin will return to Ball State on April 11 as the Vice President for University Advancement, replacing Ben Hancock.
- Finally, the president stated that every citizen in this room has the right to their opinion, but requested they not use their university e-mail account to communicate that opinion.

8. Question and Answer Period

There were no questions.

9. Unfinished Business

- A. Policy on Performing Outside Service Activities-Policy on Ghost Employment (University Senate Agenda, 4/21/11, Enclosure #4)

Barry Umansky, a member of the task force who wrote the policy, reviewed the document. Leisa Julian was responsible for putting together the draft and including the state statutes.

There was no discussion and motion was made and seconded (Supa/Pearson) to approve the policy.

The motion carried.

10. New Business

- A. Revisions to Student Code (University Senate Agenda, 4/21/11, Enclosure #5)
- B. Revision to policy regarding Responding to Disruption in the Academic Setting and Companion Document to policy (University Senate Agenda, 4/21/11, Enclosure #6)
- C. Proposed Change to Quorum regulations to University Review Board (University Senate Agenda, 4/21/11, Enclosure #7)

Michael Gillilan, Director of Student Rights and Community Standards, was present at today's meeting and reviewed items A., B., and C., under new business.

Discussion ensued regarding procedure if the student refuses to leave. The professor should call the campus police.

A motion was made and seconded (Pearson/Crawley) to approve Items A., B., and C., under new business.

The motion carried.

11. Other Items

A. Weather Emergency Safety at Ball State University SR-04-10/11 (University Senate Agenda, 4/21/11, Enclosure #8)

Mike Miller, Campus Council chairperson, reviewed the document. Discussion ensued regarding how the department would contact everyone since some departments are all across campus. He explained this policy is a start, and not a complete solution to the issue.

Barry Umansky, member of the University Senate, reported that the Federal Trade Commission is in the final stages of new rules with "common learning protocol." This will apply to all technology, including cell phones. Inclement weather could be pinpointed within a block or two of your location.

A motion was made and seconded (Wieseke/Edmonds) to endorse this resolution.

The motion carried.

12. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, the chairperson recognized the outgoing executive committee and thanked them for their service: John Ledbetter, vice chairperson, and Carolyn Kapinus, secretary.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Kapinus, Secretary