

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

Thursday, September 2, 2010

Members Present: 48

Members Absent: 11

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, J. Chapman, G. Crawley, L. Deckers, J. Gora, J. Green, A. Gregg, D. Grosnick, M. Guntsche, M. Harvey, K. Hall, T. Hendricks, R. Hicks, M. Holtzman, J. Huff, R. Kanu, C. Kapinus, E. Kelly, T. King, J. Ledbetter, M. Maggiotto, D. Marini, L. Markle, W. McCune, M. McGrew, M. Miller, S. Parkinson, D. Pearson, K. Pickersgill, S. Rice-Snow, J. Rybarczyk, D. Shawger, G. Stamp, M. Steib, D. Supa, B. Umansky, B. Wagner, K. Warren-Gordon, A. Wieseke, B. Wills, J. Zhao

Substitutes: Amy Leahy for B. Adams, Elizabeth Agnew for J. Fry, Andy Beane for K. Hall, Cindy Walker for B. McRae, Jill Miels for C. Walker

Members Absent: T. Cummins, A. Edmonds, D. Haber, C. Marlow, C. Munchel, P. Parkison, M. Pyron, T. Richardson, W. Sharp, M. Whitlock, T. Zivney

2. A motion was made and seconded (Supa/Umansky) to approve the minutes of April 22, 2010.

The motion carried.

3. Discussion ensued regarding the Standing Rules (University Senate Agenda 9/2/10, Enclosure #1)

A motion was made and seconded (Umansky/Supa) to adopt the standing rules.

The motion carried.

4. John Ledbetter and Carolyn Kapinus, vice chairperson and secretary of the Senate, reviewed the responsibilities of the university senate as a whole. As outlined in the Faculty and Professional Personnel Handbook, the University Senate is responsible for educational policy at Ball State and serves in an advisory capacity to both the president and the Board of Trustees. The Senate reviews policies and actions taken by the three councils and their committees.

The flow chart of the university governance system was displayed and the routing process through the three councils was discussed. This is on page 5 and 37 in the handbook.

The chairperson of the senate interjected that the governance system is somewhat cumbersome, but will make every effort to move the issues through the senate system in a timely manner.

5. Committee Reports

- A. Governance and Elections Committee – John Ledbetter, Chairperson

John reported that the committee met this morning and elected Ralph Bremigan secretary and discussed the process by which senate action is implemented in the handbook.

B. Faculty Council – Barry Umansky, Chairperson

Barry reported that the Faculty Council will meet on September 9. Issues regarding extended education and the academic ethics policy was discussed.

C. University Council – Barbara Wills, Chairperson

Barb reported that the University Council will meet on Thursday, September 16. The Extended Education issue has been sent back to the Extended Education Committee. The issue of professional personnel representation on committee is an item of discussion.

D. Campus Council – No report.

6. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Eric Kelly (University Senate Agenda 9/2/10, Enclosure #3)

The chairperson reviewed the items in the senate system. He will be making inquiries as to other items that are in the Senate system but not on the chart.

7. Questions Directed to the President

The President reported the following:

- Final number for freshman is 3,635; SAT scores are 29 points from last year and more than 50 from four years ago
- There is an increase in total enrollment of 730 FTE
- Total student enrollment (on and off campus) is 21,896
- Ball State is prominently listed in the New York Times Knowledge Network. BSU courses in emerging media are prominently listed. The world is changing in the area of journalism. Noted NY Times journalists are being asked to teach courses. Dustin Supa, senate representative from journalism, reported that the journalism curriculum is being revised to include teaching.

The Provost reported that a task force has been formed to look at the future of higher education and how it applies to Ball State, financing of an education, accountability standards required, etc. Faculty will be invited to participate in the discussion online and encouraged to participate in some manner. It will serve as a starting point for some areas of the strategic plan. The following reading materials are currently under discussion:

1. DIY U, by Anya Kamenetz
2. Bill Gates comments at the Techonomy Conference, Lake Tahoe, August 4-6, 2010, <http://techcrunch.com/2010/08/06/bill-gates-education/>
3. “Putting it to the Provosts,” in Inside Higher Ed, August 2, 2010, <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2010/08/02/aascu>
4. Openness as Catalyst for an Educational Reformation, <http://www.educause.edu/EDUCAUSE+Review/EDUCAUSEReviewMagazineVolume45/OpennessasCatalystforanEducati/209246>

There were no questions for the President or the Provost.

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, 9/2/10, Enclosure #4)

No action was taken on this item of business. It will be added to the agenda for the next Senate meeting.

B. Senate Agenda Committee Elections

The following members of the University Senate were nominated for membership to the Senate Agenda Committee:

1. Carrie Ball
2. Carolyn Walker

A biographical sketch was available for review by the membership of the Senate. The floor was opened for nominations. There were no nominations from the floor.

A motion was made and seconded (Supa/Bellaver) to close nominations.

The motion carried.

The nominated faculty members were elected by acclamation.

11. Other Items

There were no other items.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

September 30, 2010

Eric Kelly, Chairperson

Carolyn Kapinus, Secretary