

# MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE 2010-11 UNIVERSITY SENATE

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Members Present: 54

Members Absent: 7

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. Coggeshall, G. Crawley, L. Deckers, A. Edmonds, J. Gora, J. Green, A. Gregg, D. Grosnick, D. Haber, M. Harvey, T. Hendricks, R. Hicks, M. Holtzman, J. Huff, R. Kanu, C. Kapinus, E. Kelly, T. King, A. Leahy, J. Ledbetter, M. Maggiotto, D. Marini, C. Marlow, W. McCune, M. McGrew, B. McRae, M. Miller, J. Mitchell, S. Parkinson, P. Parkison, D. Pearson, K. Pickersgill, T. Richardson, J. Rybarczyk, D. Shawger, G. Stamp, M. Steib, B. Umansky, B. Wagner, M. Whitlock, A. Wieseke, B. Wills, J. Yang, T. Zivney

Substitutes: Lathrop Johnson for M. Guntsche, Andy Beane for K. Hall, James Mitchell for L. Markle, Beth Terrell for C. Munchel, David LeBlanc for M. Pyron, Susan Tancock for C. Walker, Paul Magro for K. Warren-Gordon

Members Absent: J. Chapman, J. Coggeshall, T. Cummins, R. Dolon, J. Kim, W. Sharp, K. Warren-Gordon

2. A motion was made and seconded (Shawger/Crawley) to approve the minutes of September 30, 2010.

The motion carried.

3. There was a moment of silence to recognize the death of Robert (Bob) Eugene Bowman.

4. Committee Reports

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

John reported that the committee met and reviewed policies regarding the state law on ghost employment. A task force was formed to review these policies. The constitutional amendments were forwarded to the University Senate for the first reading.

- B. Faculty Council – Barry Umansky, Chairperson

Barry reported the Faculty Council met on November 4 and discussed two items of interest to the council: the storage of data on and off-site and security for that data, and safety within the classroom. An item of business included the discussion concerning the inclusion of immersive learning in the university promotion and tenure document. There was brief discussion of retirement models on the issues list.

- C. University Council – Barbara Wills, Chairperson

Barb reported the University Council met on November 11 and had a presentation from the Rinker Center for International Programs. There was continued discussion on the issue of professional personnel representation on the Salary and Benefits Committee.

D. Campus Council

Mike reported the Campus Council met on November 18 and discussed the UEC's proposal for the revision to the academic calendar.

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

The chairperson of the senate reported the issues list keeps growing with more items being added. Senate member, Kayla Pickersgill, requested information on specific student senate resolutions. Melanie will check her records and report back to Kayla regarding these resolutions.

7. Questions Directed to the President

President Gora commented on the following items:

- The University has already had several meetings with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE) as well as a presentation before the budget committee of the general assembly. Preparation of the documents began in the summer and meetings began in August with ICHE. The emphasis was on how productive we are. A study commissioned by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education indicated, we provided the most value-added in the State of Indiana. We are presenting hard data on how efficiently and effectively we are using our resources. We are hopeful that given these data, the commission will not cut our budget any further.
- There were several ribbon-cuttings this fall with new buildings and facilities. David Letterman returned to campus with the founder of Twitter, Biz Stone. Carl Rove was also here and we will welcome back Angela Ahrendts in March as a speaker for the Letterman Series.
- The President's Perspective will go out in early January highlighting a "good news" update on the Bold Campaign. This will also be sent to donors.

The President responded to the following questions:

1. Did the reduction of credit hours from 126 to 120 enter the discussion with ICHE?

The President responded that it did not. There is an enormous amount of pressure from the legislature that students MUST finish in four years. We are funded on our graduation rate, not our enrollment. They want to know how many graduate in six years, how many in four, and so on.

8. Question and Answer Period

Randy Howard, Vice President for Business Affairs, was present at today's meeting to discuss the Student Recreation and Wellness Center. It is not financed by any part of State funding and built for the students. This new center is not trying to compete with the local YMCA. They compared rates and fees with other MAC schools as well as other Indiana institutions of higher education and found that all MAC schools and most other Indiana institutions charge a fee for faculty and staff.

- The chairperson of the senate noted that one of the questions previously posed by a senate member was if there was a tiered price list for those staff members who may not be able to afford the fee. Randy replied that there have been no modifications, but there is a family rate available.
- A senate member commented that in all the explanation of the perks of the center, wellness was never mentioned. The university has wellness issues and why was this not a part of the calculations? Randy responded that these are two different issues. Right now the incentives are modest, but they will continue to look at other options.

They didn't believe it was fair to give just one entity (the wellness center), but offer other options to improve wellness.

- A senate member asked if there are any renovation plans for Ball Gym? What will happen if we continue to see very few people over there? Randy replied that they will continue to evaluate the area. They have received good feedback concerning hours, etc. They are taking steps to be sure Ball Gym is available. It will stay as a resource for everyone to use.
- A senate member mentioned the biggest concern at Ball Gym was the lack of room in the free weight area and the lack of atmosphere.
- A senate member indicated they were very disappointed and were looking forward to the new gym. It appeared that the fee was a last minute decision.

#### 9. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

#### 10. New Business

##### A. Proposed amendments to the Constitution – First Reading (University Senate Agenda, 12/2/10, Enclosure #4)

This is the first reading of the amendments. No discussion takes place at this meeting. Discussion and vote will take place at the January 20, 2011, meeting of the University Senate.

A question was asked if these amendments would be voted on all at once or in divided into three parts? The chairperson of the senate indicated if there are concerns, it can be divided into parts.

##### B. Clarification of Reconsideration/Appeal pertaining to deliberations of Promotion and/or Tenure (University Senate Agenda, 12/2/10, Enclosure #5)

Ron Kovac, chairperson of the University Promotion and Tenure Committee (UP&T) was present at today's meeting.

Discussion ensued and a motion was made and seconded (Shawger/Pearson) to return it to the UP&T for further work.

The motion carried.

The Faculty Council will be meeting next and Ron and members of the UP&T will be in attendance. Concerns will be addressed.

#### 11. Other Items

##### A. A motion was made and seconded (Umansky/Wieseke) to have a brief discussion on the academic calendar.

A copy of a new proposed fall calendar for 2011 was available to members for consideration (Attachment #1).

A brief explanation of the proposed calendar was provided by Barry Umansky. Action must be taken at this meeting or the current academic calendar (including Friday) will continue for the 2011-12 academic year.

Matthew Whitlock, President of the Student Government Association, reported that an informal vote was taken at the last Student Senate meeting and they supported this current proposal.

Action must be taken now or the current academic calendar (including Fuesday) will continue for the 2011-12 academic year.

The motion carried to accept the proposed fall calendar for 2011-12.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Kapinus, Secretary

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## **Proposed Fall Calendar for 2011**

Maintain Labor Day as holiday

Eliminate practice of holding MWF classes on Tuesday of Thanksgiving week (Fruesday)

Two-day fall break on a Monday-Tuesday or Thursday-Friday (dates TBD)

Thanksgiving week: MWF classes meet Monday; TR classes meet Tuesday; No classes Weds, Thurs, Fri

Recapture instructional day on Monday of finals week

Four-day finals schedule, Tuesday through Friday (no MWF finals on Tuesday)

### **Net Result**

Yields 75 instruction days (no change)

Eliminates Fruesday

Maintains MWF/TR parity

Maintains schedule that completes exams on Friday of exam week