

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE 2011-12 UNIVERSITY SENATE

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Members Present: 54

Members Absent: 13

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 TC 101.

Members Present: E. Agnew, R. Bellaver, O. Benkato, E. Bowers, R. Bremigan, B. Brey, J. Cassady, B. Canada, J. Chapman, C. Corbin, G. Crawley, J. Ellery, J. Forbey, M. Gerhard, J. Green, C. Griewank, D. Grosnick, M. Guntsche, M. Harvey, T. Hendricks, M. Holtzman, J. Jemiolo, E. Kelly, T. King, J. Kluth, K. Kreamelmeyer, D. LeBlanc, A. Leahy, J. Ledbetter, M. Maggiotto, T. Mahfouz, D. Middleton, S. Parkinson, S. Pattison, D. Pearson, L. Pellerin, T. Richardson, D. Shawger, K. Stanton, M. Steib, K. Thurman, B. Wagner, A. Wieseke, L. Wiley, B. Wills, J. Zhao

Substitutes: Adam Kuban for M. Hanley, Mark Neely for J. Huff, Paul Buis for M. McGrew, Brian Meekin for C. Munchel, Amy Gregg for J. Popovicova, Shannon Staton for G. Slater, Frank Gray for G. Stamp, Sviatoslav Dmitriev for S. Zhuk

Members Absent: S. Amato, S. Byrum, A. Gary, J. Gora, K. Hall, M. Hamil, B. Hannon, T. Hardin, J. Kim, P. Magro, S. Rice-Snow, W. Sharp, A. Wieseke

2. A motion was made and seconded (Ledbetter/Shawger) to approve the minutes of September 29, 2011.

The motion carried.

3. Item I. A. (next scheduled meetings), under Announcements was reviewed.

4. There was a moment of silence in recognition of the death of Royda Crose.

5. Committee Reports

- A. Governance and Elections Committee – Richard Bellaver, Chairperson

Richard reported the committee will meet on Thursday, November 3, with two items on the agenda: 1) titles for non-faculty research positions, and 2) review of the composition of the Salary and Benefits Committee.

- B. Faculty Council – John Ledbetter, Chairperson

John reported the council met on October 6 and addressed four items: 1) Approved the gender identity/anti-harassment policy, 2) denied approval of 2.5 GPA, 3) considered a proposal from the Teaching Evaluation Committee (subsequently returned to committee for further consideration, at the request of the current chairperson), 4) endorsed the Cardinal Cash program proposed by Campus Council.

- C. University Council – Barbara Wills, Chairperson

Barb reported the council met on October 13. They added procedures for electronic meetings to their operational guidelines, approved the gender identity/anti-harassment policy, and endorsed the Cardinal Cash Program. The next meeting is November 10.

- D. Campus Council – Kevin Thurman, Chairperson

Kevin reported the council did not meet this month as there were no items of new business.

5. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Eric Kelly (University Senate Agenda 9/29/11, Enclosure #1)

Questions arose around how the core curriculum is working. David LeBlanc, faculty council representative to the UCC Subcommittee, reported the committee is reviewing the new core curriculum. He asked the council to send any suggestions to him directly so he may take them to the meetings.

6. Questions Directed to the President

The President sends her regrets in not being present at today's meeting because of the passing of her mother.

The Provost reported on the following:

- The Phased Retirement plan is expected to be reviewed by the Board of Trustees at their December 16 meeting with final approval during the spring semester. It still needs reviewed by the university attorney and the president.
- There are plans to have the Strategic Planning Task Force website go live next week. The task force identified a strategy of differentiation and added a theme, "What we can do to engage the state of Indiana in a more strategically coordinated manner."
- Marilyn Buck gave an update on the accreditation self-study. Fall, 2013, is the target date for the Higher Learning Commission reviewers to visit and verify what we found in our self-study is actually happening. There will be an announcement early next week regarding individuals who are involved in the process. As for the steering committee, the main writers are faculty members. There will be at least one member from every college on the steering committee, and opportunities for everyone to have input to review the documents and materials as the committee moves forward.

The Provost answered the following questions from the members of the senate:

- *What steps are being taken to review the calendar changes approved last year?*

The Provost yielded the floor to Marilyn Buck. Marilyn stated the biggest changes were the four-day fall break and the four-day finals week, with the latter yet to occur. No determination will be made until finals week is completed. The process to engage opinions would be through the Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC). January and February will be the time for discussion.

One possible problem could be the number of Inqsit labs. Computer testing labs schedules increased during mid-terms. The departmental representatives of the senate were reminded the university approves on-line test being administered on other days than required on their exam schedule. It would be helpful to get the word out because there are a large number of exams. There is also a problem in that students are scheduling several times to take one exam. They are working to resolve the issue.

There was question regarding the Inqsit final and if it is in conflict with the policy that faculty should meet with their students on the day of the final exam. A class does not have to meet the day of the final exam, but the professor should have the scheduled exam time open so that students could drop by their office, if necessary.

There was concern from the senate regarding exam services not being opened on the weekend, closing at 5:00pm on Fridays). They wondered if there was a possibility to extend these hours through Saturday. The Provost was unaware of this problem. This will be added to the issues list for follow-up at the next Senate Agenda Committee meeting.

7. Question and Answer Period

There were no questions.

8. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

9. New Business

A. Gender Identity Statement (University Senate Agenda, 10/27/11, Enclosure #2)

Jay Zimmerman, Professor of Psychology-Counseling, and psychologist at the counseling center, was present at today's meeting to answer questions. The document has been approved by all three councils. There were no questions.

A motion was made and seconded (Pearson/Crawley) to approve the revised statement.

The motion carried.

B. Cardinal Cash (University Senate Agenda, 10/27/11, Enclosure #3)

Kevin Thurman, Chairperson of the Campus Council, chaired the committee to make improvements on the Cardinal Cash concept. All three councils have passed resolutions to support the concept. There were no questions.

Eric Kelly added that Kevin asks for a sense of the house, philosophically supporting Cardinal Cash and expansion of the concept. This will not happen if it is not approved by Business Affairs. The group is also contacting several universities to investigate what makes their concept work.

A motion was made and seconded (Shawger/Crawley) to support the expansion and concept of Cardinal Cash.

The motion carried.

10. Other Items

There were no other items.

A motion was made and seconded (Stanton/Thurman) to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:30p.m.

December 1, 2011

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Eric Kelly, Chairperson

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Amy Leahy, Secretary

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