

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

Thursday, February 16, 2012

Members Present: 58

Members Absent: 9

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: S. Aegisdottir, E. Agnew, R. Bellaver, O. Benkato, E. Bowers, R. Bremigan, B. Brey, S. Byrum, B. Canada, J. Chapman, C. Corbin, G. Crawley, J. Ellery, J. Forbey, A. Gary, M. Gerhard, J. Green, D. Grosnick, M. Guntsche, K. Hall, M. Hanley, A. Harden, M. Harvey, T. Hendricks, M. Holtzman, J. Huff, J. Jemiolo, E. Kelly, T. King, J. Kluth, K. Kreamelmeyer, D. LeBlanc, J. Ledbetter, M. Maggioletto, M. McGrew, D. Middleton, S. Pattison, D. Pearson, L. Pellerin, J. Popovicova, T. Richardson, C. Seni, D. Shawger, K. Stanton, G. Stamp, M. Steib, K. Thurman, B. Wagner, A. Wieseke, L. Wiley, B. Wills

Substitutes: Ray Dean for J. Cassady, Jerome McKean for P. Magro, Brian Meekin for C. Munchel, Jonathan Becker for S. Parkinson, Shannon Staton for G. Slater, Sushil Sharma for J. Zhao, Anthony Edmonds for S. Zhuk

Members Absent: S. Amato, J. Gora, C. Griewank, M. Hamil, B. Hannon, T. Hardin, T. Mahfouz, S. Rice-Snow, W. Sharp, K. Subler

Prior to commencing with the meeting, the chairperson of the Senate requested all members to treat other constituencies with respect when attending meetings of the Senate.

2. A motion was made and seconded (Crawley/Pearson) to approve the minutes of January 19, 2012.

The motion carried.

3. Items I. A., and B. (Next meeting date and Program Information), under Announcements were reviewed.
4. There was a moment of silence in recognition of the death of Patricia F. Beilke.
5. Item I. D. (Honorary Degree) under Announcements was reviewed.

6. Committee Reports

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

Richard reported the committee met on February 2 and reviewed: 1) the membership of the Professional Education Committee (PEC) which was forwarded to the PEC for review and discussion, 2) merging the technology committees (Instructional Media Support and Information Technology) into one technology committee, and 3) discussed nominations to the slate of officers for the executive committee of the university senate.

- B. Faculty Council – John Ledbetter, Chairperson

John reported the council met on January 26 and reviewed: 1) Titles for Research Faculty, which will be handled by the Provost's Office, 2) the membership of the Professional Education Committee (forwarded to the Governance and Elections Committee), and 3) approved the membership of the Salary and Benefits Committee.

- C. University Council – Barbara Wills, Chairperson

Barb reported the council met on February 2 and reviewed and approved the membership and responsibilities of the Salary and Benefits Committee.

D. Campus Council – Kevin Thurman, Chairperson

Kevin reported the council met on February 9 and discussed 1) lack of compliance of the Smoking Policy, and 2) reviewed and approved the revisions to the Student Code.

6. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Eric Kelly (University Senate Agenda 2/16/12, Enclosure #2)

The chairperson discussed the following with the membership of the Senate:

- A. The two items at the bottom of the GANTT chart: 1) Academic rigor – committee was charged two weeks ago, is chaired by Malcolm Cairns with representatives and students from all colleges, 2) Recognizing credit for hybrid and online education as we evaluate teaching, plus credit for immersive learning, will be back next year.

7. Questions Directed to the President

The President was attending the Foundation Board meeting today. Provost King discussed the following:

1. The website for the Strategic Planning Task Force, 2012-17 will be up tomorrow and will show preliminary work of the task force. Data was gathered last fall from the stakeholder meetings. The values statement was updated and the key strategy is very similar (4 themes, 27 outcomes, now working on performance indicators to confirm progress has been made). There is some shift of emphasis. One of the elements is this plan will call for an outcome for workplace issues. This rose to the top in many stakeholder meetings. There will be a formal presentation at the next senate meeting.
2. He is receiving reports from students that faculty are unilaterally cancelling classes the Friday before Spring Break. This is inappropriate and should not be done.

The Provost received the following questions from the senate:

1. ***What are the responsibilities of the task force on academic rigor?***

They have been given a charge. The charge will be distributed to the senate. They will collect data about grade inflation, use of credits, etc., as well as assess where we are as an institution using that data, and make recommendations to the university that will help us address this issue. The *Chronicle of Higher Education* article will be sent to the members of the senate.

2. ***Any more information on phased retirement?***

The Q&A meeting was delayed because of new information received from university attorneys. It will likely be next week.

3. ***With regard to academic rigor task force: has there been any explicit recognition from the State with increasing rigor, but having students graduate in four years? Has that been part of the conversation?***

It is an important topic and we will have to figure this out.

4. ***Concerning lab fees that have now been listed as all the same price: Are the fees for a class going to that unit who are providing the lab courses?***

The lab fees are not all the same for every course, but the funds are distributed after the unit provides a

proposal for justification to my office. Also, some courses were implemented earlier that had labs, but no fee was received for them. We have already been providing the fees for these labs. It is an allocation process. The purpose is to align courses and fees. The lab fees are gleaned off the top and the Provost's Office has a procedure to disperse those funds.

8. Question and Answer Period

- A. Vice President Howard gave a budget planning presentation that was used at the Administrative Retreat on February 13-14. The main idea is to fund the strategic Plan. The university has saved \$38M over the last five years which is the 2007-12 strategic plan.

With regard to administrative staffing, Indiana schools as a whole are lower than the national average.

Figures in the presentation with regard to students was traditional only (freshman, full-time students), in-state only.

9. New Business

- A. Constitutional Amendment – Second Reading (Senate Agenda, 2/16/12, Enclosure #3)

The motion to approve the revision in members of the Undergraduate Education Committee, carried.

- B. Constitutional Amendment – First Reading (Senate Agenda, 2/16/12, Enclosure #4)

This is the first reading and no discussion or vote will be taken until the March 22, meeting of the University Senate.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00p.m.

March 22, 2012

Eric Kelly, Chairperson

Amy Harden, Secretary

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