

September 26, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Faculty Council

FROM: Brien Smith, Chairperson

RE: Faculty Council Meeting #3
Thursday, October 4, 2007
4:00 p.m., CM 125

AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of September 6, 2007

I. Announcements

A. Agenda Committee – Monday, October 29, 2007, 8:30 a.m.
Faculty Council – Thursday, November 1, 2007, 4:00 p.m., CM 125

B. Items currently in committees

1. Evaluation of Teaching (Teaching Evaluation)
2. Grade Inflation (Teaching Evaluation)
3. Restructuring Ball State Health Care Plans – from Agenda Committee 10/4/04 (Salary and Benefits)
4. Definition of Creative Arts for Faculty Award – from Agenda Committee 3/21/05 (Creative Arts)
5. 1-2-1 Agreement (International Programs) – from University Council 9/15/05
6. Terminology of Contract Positions at BSU – from Agenda Committee 10/17/05 (Contract Faculty)
7. Athletic Funding – from Agenda Committee 11/21/05 (Financial and Budgetary Affairs)
8. Load credit for directing an undergraduate honors thesis or master's thesis – from Agenda Committee 8/21/06 (Salary and Benefits)
9. Major in Peace Studies – from Agenda Committee 8/21/06 (Undergraduate Education)
10. Beneficence Pledge (Student Rights, Ethics, and Standards Committee)
11. Revised Student Academic Ethics Policy (Sent to Office of University Compliance)

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12. Revision of Core Curriculum (UCC Subcommittee, Undergraduate Education Committee)

II. Unfinished Business

III. New Business

A. UCC-21 (Enclosure #1)

IV. Question and Answer Period

V. Adjournment

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Members Present: N. Ahmed, M. Brown, D. Chen, G. Crawley, L. Deckers, O. Dotson, F. Groom, M. Groover, M. Guntsche, D. Haber, M. Harvey, B. Hozeski, S. Islam, K. Kalumba, C. Kapinus, E. Kelly, T. King, C. Marlow, J. McClure, K. Neumann, J. Olesen, P. Parkison, D. Pearson, R. Rarick, G. Reid, J. Rybarczyk, D. Shawger, B. Smith, K. Speirs-Neumeister, G. Stamp, M. Steib, F. Suppe, B. Umansky, C. Walker, A. Wieseke, T. Zivney, E. Zygmunt-Fillwalk

Substitutes: Howard Campbell for B. Adams, Jerome Kotecki for J. Clark, Ahmed Muhammad for R. Stankewitz

Members Absent: R. Dolon, J. Eflin, M. Hawkins, T. Hinds, W.T. Wrege for J. Ledbetter, M. McGrew, C. Payne, M. Popovich, W. Sharp, P. Spengler, A. Stegner, C. Updike, M. Walker

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by the Chairperson of the Faculty Council, Brien Smith. Roll call was taken by initialing the roster located outside the meeting room, CM 125.

1. A motion was made and seconded (Pearson/Dotson) to approve the minutes of April 5, 2007.

The motion carried.

2. A motion was made and seconded (Guntsche/Shawger) to approve the standing rules.

The motion carried.

3. The Chairperson informed the council that he will be putting together a chart that will track the progress of the items currently in committees under the council's purview.
4. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

5. New Business

- A. Student Academic Ethics Policy (Faculty Council Agenda 8/30/07, Enclosure #4)

A motion was made and seconded (Crawley/Pearson) to place this item on the floor for discussion.

There were several questions regarding the document and a motion was made and seconded (Kelly/Marlow) to return the document to the task force to submit a document with the actual revisions marked. Fred Suppe will e-mail his questions to the University Senate office for the Task Force on the Student Academic Ethics Policy to consider.

The motion carried.

- B. Procedure for Electronic Meetings

The Faculty Council may conduct official business electronically. This includes, but is not limited to, email, electronic postings, websites, voting and meetings.

An item of business requiring action outside of a regularly scheduled meeting will be forwarded to the executive committee of the council who will direct the office of the University Senate to forward electronic information to the members of the council. If an electronic vote is necessary, a quorum will be maintained and documentation of the vote will be filed in the council correspondence in the office of the University Senate for that academic year with no membership identification attached.

To be included in the Standing Rules of the Faculty Council

A motion was made and seconded (Pearson/Suppe) to add #22 to the standing rules that is consistent with Standing Rule #23 of the Senate, "The Faculty Council and its committees..." This would allow the Faculty Council and its committees to vote electronically; however, each of the committees would develop their own policies and procedures.

The motion carried.

Fred Suppe submitted a motion concerning electronic meetings and the process for procedures (Faculty Council Minutes, 9/6/07, Attachment #1)

A motion was made and seconded (Suppe/Kelly) to send forward to a committee to review the procedures. The motion was subsequently withdrawn.

A motion was made and seconded (Kelly/Crawley) to form a task force to revise the procedures conducting electronic business.

The motion carried.

6. Question and Answer Period

- A. Discussion ensued regarding smoke-free campus initiative. Senators are to poll their constituents prior to the next Senate meeting which is September 27. Electronic submission is appropriate.

The Provost will research the issue of campus property to include streets and sidewalks.

- B. David Pearson inquired as to whether it was the mission of the university to use the Boyer model in the promotion and tenure documents for departments. The suggested timetable was early 2009. He inquired as to whether the University Promotion and Tenure Committee was developing procedures for the departments.

Marilyn Buck, Associate Provost, reported that the University Promotion and Tenure Committee were working on procedures. It will then have to go through the University Senate before it is forwarded to the departments to change their documents. There will be no changes this academic year for the departments.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Wieseke, Secretary