

October 23, 2006

TO: Members of Faculty Council
FROM: Mark Popovich, Chairperson
SUBJ: Faculty Council Meeting #4
Thursday, November 2, 2006
4:00 p.m., BB 109

AGENDA

Roll Call

Approval of the minutes of October 5, 2006

I. Announcements

A. Next scheduled meetings

Agenda Committee – Monday, November 27, 10:00 a.m., NQ 300
Faculty Council – Thursday, December 7, 4:00 p.m., BB 109

B. Committee Reports/Items currently in committees

1. Academic Freedom and Ethics
2. Contract Faculty - Terminology of Contract Positions at BSU
3. Creative Arts - Definition of Creative Arts for Faculty Award
4. Creative Teaching
5. Graduate Education
6. Instructional Media Support
7. Library
8. Professional Education
9. Salary and Benefits - Restructuring of Ball State Health Care Plans, Load credit for directing undergraduate honors thesis or master's thesis, load credit based on class size
10. Special Leave
11. Teaching Evaluation - Evaluation of Teaching, Grade Inflation
12. Undergraduate Education - Major in Peace Studies
13. Promotion and Tenure
14. 1-2-1 Agreement – from University Council 9/15/05
15. Athletic Funding – requested by Faculty Council through Agenda Committee 11/21/05
(Financial and Budgetary Affairs)

II. Unfinished Business

III. New Business

A. Pre-requisite class tracking

Motion approved by Instructional Media Support Committee 10/11/06:

“Resources should be earmarked for University Computing Services to develop a program patch to resolve the pre-requisite class tracking issues of the registration system.”

IV. Question and Answer Period

V. Adjournment

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Members Present: b. Adams, N. Ahmed, J. Cecil, G. Crawley, L. Deckers, I. DeOllos, J. Eflin, F. Groom, D. Haber, D. Hahn, M. Harvey, M. Hawkins, J. Helton, B. Hozeski, R. Huffman, S. Islam, L. Johnson, E. Kelly, J. Ledbetter, J. McClure, M. McGrew, J. McKean, M. Maggiotto, B. Messner, W. Mucherah, K. Neumann, J. Olesen, C. Payne, D. Pearson, M. Popovich, R. Rarick, G. Reid, J. Rybarczyk, R. Shackelford, R. Spangler, R. Stankewitz, A. Stegner, F. Suppe, B. Umansky, J. Vann, M. Walker, A. Wieseke, E. Wolner, T. Zivney, E. Zygmunt-Fillwalk

Substitutes: Michael O'Hara for H. Mortimer, Don Merten for P. Wohlt

Members Absent: K. Kabadaki, K. Kalumba, W. Sharp, P. Spengler, C. Updike, E. Whittern

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mark Popovich, at 4:00 p.m., in BB 109. Roll call was taken by initialing the roster.

1. Announcements

A. Approval of the minutes of September 7, 2006

A motion was made and seconded (Pearson/Messner) to approve the minutes of September 7.

Motion carried.

B. The Chairperson introduced Terry King, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Provost King thanked the Council for the invitation and offered his thanks to the Council for their time to be involved in faculty government.

He explained that his main task since coming to Ball State is to finish the Strategic Plan by the end of the fall semester. There are four goals in the plan and approximately twenty-five objectives. No prioritization of the objectives has taken place. He would like to bring the four goals of the strategic plan to this Council to obtain feedback from a group that represents the entire faculty once the plan is finished. Parallel with this plan is the resource plan, which the President is working on at the present time.

One goal is attracting and retaining better students, commitment to immersion experiences, promoting nationally recognized faculty members and increasing ranked programs.

A search will be initiated for an associate provost for undergraduate and academic affairs. This will be filled first and he will then move on to other areas. Other areas might include the graduate program and research leadership.

The Provost thanked Juli Eflin and Core Curriculum Task Force II for their work.

The Provost answered questions from the Council.

a. A question was asked regarding the Boyer Model of Scholarship.

The provost responded that a modern university needs to have this in their promotion and tenure documents. It stands as an objective. He believes that scholarship is defined as that which drives the profession forward and this must be communicated to the profession.

- b. A question was asked regarding his expectations regarding scholarship for tenured line faculty to produce and create?

The Provost responded that he hasn't dealt with this yet. He believes it is critical that a young faculty member should not be surprised with where his/her department is with regard to tenure.

- c. A Council member was interested in the advertising effort by the University and believes that someone needs to take a look at rankings and the possibility of false advertising. He is concerned with the rationale that is used for ranked programs within the university.

The Provost responded that Ball State has differentiated themselves from years past but we're still third behind Indiana and Purdue. He believes that the state perceives Ball State the high quality institution that it is. We are making an effort to influence the different constituencies in our state such as parents and legislators.

- d. A Council member asked the Provost's thoughts about external evaluation for scholarship for promotion from Associate Professor to Professor.

The Provost responded that he has never been at an institution that did not require that. The external evaluator cannot evaluate the faculty member's teaching style, but can evaluate their scholarship. The Provost's response dealt with the promotion from Assistant to Associate Professor as well.

C. Next scheduled meetings

Agenda Committee – Monday, October 23 10:00 a.m. Atrium
Faculty Council – Thursday, November 2 4:00 p.m., BB 109

D. Items currently in committees

1. Evaluation of Teaching (Teaching Evaluation)
2. Grade Inflation (Teaching Evaluation)
3. Restructuring of 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 – from University Council 9/15/05 (International Programs)
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 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)

The Chairperson requested that the issue of load credit, based on class size, be added to the issues list for the Salary and Benefits Committee.

E. Foundations of Excellence Project – Gregory Morrison

Greg distributed the flyer with information regarding the project. A survey is on-line at the present time. There will be a student survey in November. The plan is to pull everything together in the spring and summer and devise action plans. Don Whitaker and Don VanMeter are co-chairpersons of the project.

Greg explained that Ball State was invited to participate in this project particularly because of the first year rating we have regarding freshman connections, etc.

There was a question from a Council member regarding the timing of the survey, especially since we are in the middle of considering a new curriculum. Another faculty member responded that they received the survey today and it seems more based on the organization, not necessarily curriculum.

2. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

3. New Business

A. Addition of birthing center as approved services under Ball State health insurance plans

Motion approved by Salary and Benefits Committee 9/21/06:

“Ball State health insurance plans will cover childbirth (birthing and delivery) services provided by Certified Nurse Midwives in free-standing state licensed birthing centers. State licensed birthing centers will be included among the insurance plans’ approved Provider Facilities.”

Jerry McKean, chairperson of the Salary and Benefits Committee, introduced the motion. This will be sent to the administration as a recommendation. Scott Rice Snow, a guest, spoke about the advantages and savings for members of the healthcare plan. The cost of birthing centers is \$4100, compared to \$10-12,000 at a hospital. Muncie has one of two birthing centers that are certified by the State of Indiana, the other being in Indianapolis.

There was discussion regarding complications during childbirth and what arrangements are made for this. A council member responded that if the birth is considered “at risk,” the mother is advised to have the baby in the hospital. If something unexpected arises, the hospital is five minutes from the birthing center.

A motion was made and seconded (Pearson/) to accept the motion.

The motion carried, with abstention.

4. Question and Answer Period

- a. There was a question regarding the UCC Task Force-II and if minutes were taken at the meetings. Juli Eflin, Chairperson of UCC Task Force-II commented that the TF was a working group. They were not a committee set up to take motions. The task force worked toward consensus and kept moving ahead. Notes were taken and e-mails were exchanged. Three votes were taken at the end of the time the report was sent to the Senate.

- b. A Council member asked what choices the Faculty Council will have when the document comes from the Undergraduate Education Committee.

Mark Popovich responded that we can do anything we want. We have the opportunity to discuss, change, send it back, etc. The Senate does not have that choice. They cannot amend.

At this time, a motion was made and seconded (McClure/Zivney) to require a three-quarter majority before minority reports can be rejected from committees.

Discussion ensued. This motion is for future minority reports and would apply to the Council and all committees under the Faculty Council.

A hand vote was taken: Yes: 16 No: 18 Abstentions: 4

The motion failed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ione DeOllos, Chairperson

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