

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE 2008-09 UNIVERSITY SENATE
Thursday, January 22, 2009

Members Present: 56

Members Absent: 8

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m., by the chairperson of the University Senate, Brien Smith. Roll Call was taken by initialing the roster located at the entrance to LB 125.

Members Present: B. Adams, N. Ahmed, C. Airriess, R. Bellaver, R. Bremigan, M. Brown, P. Chandler, J. Clark, C. Cozad, G. Crawley, L. Deckers, O. Dotson, E. Dugan, A. Farmer, J. Faroh, R. Fluegeman, D. Grosnick, M. Guntsche, D. Haber, M. Harvey, F. Hood, B. Hozeski, M. Johnson, C. Kapinus, E. Kelly, T. King, D. LeBlanc, J. Ledbetter, M. Maggiotto, L. Markle, C. Marlow, W. McCune, C. Munchel, P. Parkison, R. Rarick, T. Richardson, J. Rybarczyk, L. Shaffer, D. Shawger, B. Smith, K. Speirs-Neumeister, M. Steib, F. Sun, D. Supa, F. Suppe, B. Umansky, D. Waechter, M. Whitlock, A. Wieseke, B. Wills, S. Woosley, T. Zivney, E. Zygmunt-Fillwalk

Substitutes: Ronald Hicks for M. Groover, Beth Messner for G. Stamp, Bianca McRae for C. Walker

Members Absent: J. Gora, J. Green, L. Helms, T. Hinds, K. Kalumba, W. Sharp, G. Slater, P. Spengler

A motion was made and seconded (Supa/Adams) to approve the minutes of December 11, 2008.

The motion carried, with abstentions.

3. Announcements

- A. Next Scheduled Meetings

Senate Agenda Committee – February 9, 2009, 8:00 a.m., AT 202F
University Senate – February 19, 2009, 4:00 p.m., LB Rm. 125

- B. Notice of Change

Current Name: International Programs
New Name: Rinker Center for International Programs

- C. Program Information – Academic Posting 2008-09, Volume XL-7

Revised Programs

Interdepartmental Programs

African-American Studies

Minor in African-American Studies

College of Fine Arts

School of Music

Major in Music Technology, B.M.

- D. Tony Farmer, graduate student representative to the University Senate, reported on an exhibit that will take place on January 26 & 27, called “Eyes Wide Open.” It will be in the Letterman Building lobby. The exhibit is sponsored by the Ball State Truth Movement and the American Friend’s Service Committee. (Attachment #1)

4. Committee Reports

A. Governance and Elections Committee – Eva Zygmunt-Fillwalk, Chairperson

Eva reported that the committee met last Thursday. They are sending forward to the senate agenda committee changes to the faculty handbook regarding a revision to the pet policy and faculty attendance at commencement and procedure for approval for field trips.

B. Faculty Council – Barry Umansky, Chairperson

Barry reported that the council had a teleconference with Michael Spillman, chairperson of the Undergraduate Education Committee, concerning the revision of membership on the UCC Subcommittee.

There are no items of business for next week's meeting of the council; however, he would like to invite Vice President Thomas Kinghorn on next week's original meeting date to present his report to the legislature and comparison of universities across the state. A notice will be sent concerning this possibility, pending Vice President Kinghorn's availability.

C. University Council – No report.

D. Campus Council – Matthew Whitlock, Chairperson

Matthew reported that Laura Helms, chairperson of the University Traffic Appeals Subcommittee, took a tour of the smoking areas around campus and the signage for these areas. The signage is good and that students are smoking where they are not to be smoking.

After the last meeting of the council, a tour was conducted of the Student Center and the ongoing renovations. Everything is on schedule, thus far.

5. Report by Chairperson of the Senate – Brien Smith (Senate Agenda, 12/11/08, Enclosure #1)

The chairperson reported that there is good progress with items going through the system. He asked if there any questions regarding the chart.

6. Questions to the President

President Gora was not present at today's meeting as she is attending the Central Indiana Transit Task Force meeting.

7. Question and Answer Period

There were no questions.

8. Unfinished Business

A. Proposed Amendment to the Constitution – Second Reading (Senate Agenda, 1/22/09, Enclosure #2)

The Chairperson reminded the members of the senate that a vote is required at this meeting regarding this amendment. The Senate needs to accept or reject it. If approved today, it will be forwarded to academic departments and professional personnel units and finally forwarded to the President for consideration.

Discussion ensued regarding the amendment. The following items were discussed:

- All domains are not represented
- College of Sciences and Humanities teach the bulk of the courses and need more representation
- Originated out of Undergraduate Education Committee, came to Faculty Council where it was debated, revised, and approved. It went to Governance and Elections Committee where it was editorially changed and approved.
- How would ad hoc changes occur? If approved today, it would have to go through the same channels of communication make amendments to it.
- Are there provisions within the subcommittee to bring in consultants for the other domains that will be discussed?
- What is the most efficient way to get representation from the other domains – to vote for it or against it?
- This amendment is an improvement from what we have now and will almost certainly work to improve representation of the domains.

A motion was made (Kelly) to approve the amendment and have another amendment at a later time to add the different domains.

The motion died, for lack of a second.

There was a call for the question, ending debate.

The hand vote to end debate, carried.

A request was made to have a paper ballot. The count is from those present and voting with a majority from the ballots that are cast. Abstentions do not count as a vote.

Paper ballot vote: Yea: 34 Nay: 22

The amendment passed.

9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Other Items

There were no other items.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

February 19, 2009

Brien Smith, Chairperson
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Michael Brown, Secretary