

MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE 2014-15 UNIVERSITY SENATE
Thursday, August 28, 2014

Members Present: 58

Members Absent: 4

1. The meeting was called to order by the chairperson of the University Senate, Amy Harden, 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, A. Beane, J. Bolin, B. Brey, A. Brown, S. Byrum, B. Canada, D. Caristi, B. Chang, J. Chapman, M. Chiurini, J. Christman, C. Corbin, E. Crawford, P. Ferguson, J. Fitzgerald, J. Forbey, M. Hanley, A. Harden, M. Holtzman, J. Huff, J. Jemiolo, T. Jitpaiboon, J. Johnson, J. Jones-Hall, L. Julian, T. King, K. Koch, R. Kovac, K. Kreamelmeyer, B. Kubel, L. Lehman, I. Livshits, C. Luchs, T. Mahfouz, S. McFadden, E. Nesson, L. O'Hara, C. Pak, S. Pattison, L. Pellerin, S. Rice-Snow, D. Singh, J. Stroh, C. Thomas, K. Thurman, B. Wagner, D. Wheeler, R. Wijesinghe, N. Wilkey, S. Zhuk

Substitutes: Jerome McKean for B. Byers, Rahissa Engle for C. Hendershot, Ron Hicks for M. Hill, Christie Zimmerman for K. Kessler, Susan Johnson for M. Maggiotto, Brian Meekin for C. Munchel

Members Absent: P. Buis, B. Collins, J. Gruver, N. Perera

A motion was made and seconded (Caristi/Hanley) to approve the minutes of April 24, 2014.

The motion carried.

2. Announcements

Items I. A. (Reaffirmation of Standing Rules - Enclosure #1), I. B. (Statement on conservation of paper), I. C. (Schedule of Meetings in the University Governance System-Enclosure #2), I. D., (Next scheduled meeting), I. E. (Results of Constitutional Amendments – Enclosure #3), I.F. (Revisions to University Promotion and Tenure Document – Enclosure #4), I. G. (Revisions to Technology Users Policy – Enclosure #5), I. H. (Approval of Senate Actions), and I.I. (Program Information – Enclosure #6), were reviewed by the Senate membership.

3. Introduction of President Ferguson

The chair introduced President Paul Ferguson who spoke briefly and took questions from the membership of the Senate.

- The president led a discussion group for freshman connections and asked the students to send him a note after the first two weeks of class to let him know how they like their classes and the faculty. He was surprised that many responded stating they loved their classes, the faculty, and their major.
- President Ferguson introduced Julie Hopwood, as the senior advisor to the President and Chief of Staff. Julie has been with him for twelve years and has a background in law, public administration and broadcast journalism. Julie's function is to extend the office of the president. She is a strategic partner to facilitate issues and bring things together more quickly. She will be chairing the space committee and the strategic planning implementation committee.
- *A faculty member asked if President Ferguson had begun to think about spending some time with the departments and colleges. They also hope that besides spending time with faculty, he'll be able to go in and out of classes to get a sense of the activity within a department.*
The president is scheduling visits and plans to visit every department over the next several months. He is very interested in receiving department's ideas of where we need to go and where we haven't been. He encourages faculty to send him a note citing what they think the president needs to hear within their department.
- *A faculty member spoke about the town-gown issue in Muncie and that it has changed. There is more openness on both sides (city and university). The faculty member believes there are two entities: Ball State and the City of Muncie with a definite divide at the White River (north and south). The faculty member stated that it is unfortunate that individuals believe they don't have to go "on the other side" and get involved in the community. The faculty member believes there are many more students who want to be involved in the university.*

A student member of the senate added that he believes students want to be more involved in the city. The student has seen the community grow together with more students heading downtown for activities. The past weekend offered the opportunity to go to RibFest and there were shuttles in the village taking students downtown. There is more outreach from the city.

Another member added that most of the students at Ball State are first time scholars and do not have optimum college backgrounds. They do not know how to eat, dress, and act professionally. We are not necessarily improving their chances of success if we do not change their lifestyles. We have made a start in offering wellness programs and healthy cooking and eating.

The president responded he believes he hears from the city that there has been progress over the past few years. The challenge is how we think we should specifically improve in the future.

4. Overview of Senate System – Chin-Sook Pak, Vice Chairperson, University Senate. Chin-Sook briefly reviewed the senate system with regard to council responsibilities. She also reviewed the organizational chart and listing of committees under each council's purview.

5. Recognition of Deaths

There was a moment of silence to honor the lives of Stanley Byers, Philip VanEvery, Dimitri Sotiropoulos, and Winifred Wagoner.

6. Council/Committee/Student Senate Reports

- A. Governance and Elections Committee – Chin-Sook Pak, Chair. No report. The committee meets on September 4.
- B. Faculty Council – Michael Hanley, Chair. No report. The council meets on September 4.
- C. University Council – Jennifer Jones-Hall, Secretary. No report. The council meets on September 11 and will elect a new chairperson.
- D. Campus Council – Kevin Thurman, Chair. No report. The council will meet on September 18. The Student Government Association (SGA) issues will end up in the University Senate after filtering through the Campus Council.
- E. Student Senate – Nicholas Wilkey, President, Student Government Association. Nick reported the SGA is working on filling undergraduate seats. The SGA is working on legislation and will be presenting it to the senate in the future.

7. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Amy Harden (University Senate Agenda, 8/28/14, Enclosure #7)

8. Questions Directed to the President

9. Question and Answer Period

10. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

11. New Business

- A. Members of Councils/Committees in University Governance System (University Senate Agenda, 8/28/14, Enclosure #8)

A motion was made and seconded (Thurman/Kovac) to approve the membership of the councils and committees.

The motion carried.

12. Other Items

- A. Printing Policy

The Provost reported Business Affairs has been working on this for many months as an attempt to save money since we will have another budget cut from the State going into effect this academic year. There were studies conducted looking at how much printing and copying we do, as well as benchmarking. There was inconsistent communication to the university community and this is being rectified. Bills received by departments indicating they are in the negative will have no affect this year.

The Provost introduced Leisa Julian, Associate Vice President, Business and Auxiliary Services, who explained the new policy. She reported the policy has been implemented over the last couple of years by different segments of the university. They started with Business Affairs, then Advancement and Development, and are starting with Student Affairs, working their way through other areas of the university. The service charges which you will pay per impression will be placed in a centralized fund by a third-party entity for ongoing replacement of devices. They are working with areas with high print volume and providing options for cost-saving and sustainability. It is imperative to reduce the number of devices, toner use, and electricity and they have been working through a funding model. There will soon be a live website to review more information. The Provost encouraged input and to send their suggestions through him or Leisa Julian.

A member of the senate questioned what departments should do if they have copy machines not working properly. Leisa Julian yielded the floor to Matt Stephenson, Director of Business Services, who indicated there were copy machines available for replacement. They should contact him if they are in this situation.

A question was asked concerning taking printers out of offices. The Provost replied this is part of the process. He strongly encouraged faculty to take control of their preferences on the Communications Center. The topic of academic quality will be address through each department's analysis. He stressed the importance of getting away from what we are currently doing. There will be an opportunity for departments and faculty members to appeal the decision of Business Affairs. Currently, there are approximately 220 different types of devices on campus. This is difficult to manage and make cost effective. Using a centralized platform, it will be easier to assess the type of printers used as well as print volumes and then trying to help departments understand the cost of not being efficient.

The Provost concluded by saying when we are spending university or foundation funds, the university must be responsible in managing it appropriately. He believes that with flexibility of all parties involved, all needs can be met.

13. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded (Caristi/Thurman) to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Pellerin, Secretary

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