

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE 2007-08 UNIVERSITY SENATE
Thursday, March 27, 2008

Members Present: 47

Members Absent: 21

1. The meeting was called to order by the chairperson of the University Senate, Bruce Hozeski, at 4:00 p.m. Roll Call was taken by initialing the roster located at the entrance to CM 125.

Members Present: M. Brown, J. Clark, G. Crawley, L. Deckers, F. Groom, M. Groover, M. Guntsche, M. Harvey, M. Hawkins, B. Hozeski, S. Islam, K. Kalumba, E. Kelly, T. King, J. Ledbetter, M. Maggiotto, L. Markle, J. McClure, W. McCune, M. McGrew, G. Murray, K. Neumann, J. Olesen, P. Parkison, R. Rarick, G. Reid, J. Rybarczyk, D. Shawger, B. Smith, K. Speirs-Neumeister, G. Stamp, R. Stankewitz, A. Stegner, F. Suppe, B. Umansky, C. Walker, A. Wieseke, B. Wills, T. Zivney

Substitutes: Sue Whitaker for B. Adams, Michael Voss for K. Ellis, Danny Morton for F. Hood, John Dahlgren for S. Meier, Mitch Whaley for D. Pearson, Mark Masse' for M. Popovich, Michael Pounds for M. Steib, Kyle Ellis for M. Walker

Members Absent: N. Ahmed, D. Chen, J. Cross, R. Dolon, O. Dotson, J. Eflin, J. Gora, D. Haber, T. Hinds, M. Jameson, C. Kapinus, C. Lehnertz, J. Manuel, C. Marlow, B. Mills, C. Munchel, C. Payne, W. Sharp, P. Spengler, C. Updike, E. Zygmunt-Fillwalk

2. A motion was made and seconded (Clark/Reid) to approve the minutes of February 21, 2008.

The motion carried.

3. Announcements

- A. The April 24 meeting date will include two meetings: one for the last meeting of 2007-08, and one for the first meeting of 2008-09. Elections will be the only agenda item for the first meeting of 2008-09. It will begin immediately following the last meeting of 2007-08.

- B. The Diversity Policy Institute has changed its name to the Office of Institutional Diversity

- C. The deadline for submitting departmental votes on the constitutional amendment is next Thursday, April 3, by 5:00 pm. No late votes will be accepted.

- D. The Beneficence Pledge and the revisions to the University Promotion and Tenure document were both approved by the Board of Trustees at their meeting on March 21. It will be documented in the next agenda of the University Senate.

- E. College elections forms are due in the Senate office tomorrow, March 28.

- F. The Chairperson of the Senate read a letter from President Gora concerning SJR 7, which was passed by the University Senate at their meeting in February (Attachment #1).

4. Recognition of Deaths – Don O. Lyon, Charles (Wave) Myers

5. Committee Reports

- A. Governance and Elections Committee

The Chairperson of the Senate reported that Dave is not at today's meeting, but he asked Bruce to make two announcements; one is regarding the deadline for the amendment to the constitution. The other is

regarding nominations for the election of University Senate officers and the member to the Senate Agenda Committee. Please consider nominating yourself or nominating someone else. Members were requested to contact the individual regarding their willingness to serve prior to forwarding their name to the Governance and Elections Committee.

The committee is continuing their work on the editorial changes to the constitution.

B. Faculty Council – Brien Smith, Chairperson

Brien reported that the Council met in February and is reviewing the Student Academic Ethics Policy. The revisions from the Graduate Education Committee are on today's agenda.

Brien yielded the floor to Sue Whitaker, Chairperson of the UCC Subcommittee, and Michael Spillman, Chairperson of the Undergraduate Education Committee, to present an update regarding the progress of UCC-21. (Power Point Presentation, Attachment #2)

Discussion ensued after the presentation and questions were presented to the two chairpersons.

C. University Council – Adam Stegner, Chairperson

Adam reported that the council met last month and had a report from the task force on professional personnel. The Council voted to form an investigative task force to look at specific issues regarding professional personnel. The recommendations will be routed through the University Council and then through the governance system.

D. Campus Council – Matthew Walker, Chairperson

Matthew reported that the council did not meet last month, but will meet for their last meeting in April to elect officers.

6. Report by the Chairperson of Senate – Bruce W. Hozeski (University Senate Agenda 3/27/08, Enclosure #1)

Most items have progressed through the senate system; however, some items still need attention. The Student Senate resolutions will be reviewed by the Master Planning and Facilities Committee this next week.

7. Questions Directed to the President

The President was not in attendance at today's meeting.

8. Question and Answer Period

There were no questions.

9. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

10. New Business

A. Graduate Education Committee revisions (University Senate Agenda, 3/27/08, Enclosure #2)

A motion was made and seconded (Stegner/Kelly) to place on the floor for discussion.

John Scheib, Chairperson of the Graduate Education Committee, discussed the item with the Senate members.

The motion carried to approve the revisions to the Graduate Education document.

B. Changes to Salary Document (University Senate Agenda, 3/27/08, Enclosure #3)

A motion was made and seconded (Kelly/Guntsche) to place on the floor for discussion.

Provost Terry King discussed the issue with the Senate.

A motion was made and seconded (Zivney/McClure) to send it to the Salary and Benefits Committee for review and discussion.

The Provost indicated his willingness to attend the next Salary and Benefits Committee to discuss it, as there is a timeline issue involved as well.

The motion to forward the document to the Salary and Benefits Committee carried.

11. Other Items

There were no other items.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

April 24, 2008

Bruce W. Hozeski, Chairperson

Eva Zygmunt-Fillwalk, Secretary

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