

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE 2012-13 UNIVERSITY SENATE  
Thursday, February 14, 2013

Members Present: 64

Members Absent: 10

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m., by the Chairperson of the University Senate, David Pearson.

Roll Call was taken by initialing the roster located at the entrance to LB 125.

Members Present: A. Beane, R. Bremigan, B. Brey, P. Buis, S. Byrum, B. Canada, J. Chapman, M. Chiuini, H. Closson, C. Corbin, R. Davis, G. Dodson, J. Forbey, A. France, M. Gerhard, J. Gora, C. Griewank, D. Grosnick, J. Gruver, Z. Guzeldereli, J. Hammons, M. Hanley, B. Hannon, E. Hashimov, T. Hendricks, M. Holtzman, J. Huff, J. Jemiolo, T. King, J. Kluth, K. Kreamelmeyer, J. Ledbetter, L. Lehman, M. Maggiotto, P. Magro, T. Mahfouz, S. Pattison, D. Pearson, L. Pellerin, K. Pierce, T. Richardson, K. Shawger, K. Slabaugh, G. Stamp, M. Steib, J. Strauss, K. Thurman, C. Updike, D. Wheeler, A. Wieseke, L. Wiley, C. Wilkey, S. Zhuk

Substitutes: Kibujjo Kalumba for E. Agnew, Kevin Gatzlaff for O. Benkato, Ron Hicks for E. Bower, Jason Pickell for A. Craft, Kathy Segrist for J. Ellery, Nicola Schmerbeck for M. Guntsche, Carla Earhart for A. Harden, Brian Meekin for C. Munchel, Junfeng Jiao for N. Perera, Shannon Staton for G. Slater, Jeff Green for C. Stone

Members Absent: S. Aegisdottir, R. Bellaver, O. Benkato, J. Cassady, J. Dowden, M. Hamil, K. Koch, E. Levitt, R. Purviance, S. Rice-Snow

2. A motion was made and seconded (Steib/Thurman) to approve the minutes of November 29, 2012.

The motion carried.

3. Announcements

- A. Campus Smoking Policy

Dr. Kay Bales, Vice President for Student Affairs, Dean of Students

Dr. Kerry Anne McGearry, Chair, Smoking Policy Review and Implementation Committee

Vice President Bales returned to the Senate today to review the proposal to move to a tobacco-free campus. She thanked the senate members for sharing the presentation with their colleagues; she received feedback from those who received the presentation. She is interested in further feedback from the senate and to answer questions. They were most concerned with students living on campus and their reaction; however, it has been positive.

The consensus around campus is to eliminate all smoking areas at once and not phase them out over the spring and summer. Whether to allow smoking in personal vehicles received mix responses on campus. A review of 30 to 40 campuses with tobacco-free policies show half of those campuses permit smoking in personal vehicles.

Discussion ensued around smoking at events. Dr. Bales reported Scheumann Stadium and Worthen Arena both have smoking areas and they would be taken away. The University of Michigan as well as the University of Kentucky has adopted a policy where there is no tobacco use, even at athletic events. She hopes to get some direction from the Board of Trustees in March.

A question was asked regarding how many citations have been written since the implementation of the current smoking policy. Dr. Bales reported just over 200 citations have been issued in the four years of implementation.

There has been little or no feedback from the community. Some faculty are concerned individuals will move into the neighborhoods if the tobacco-free policy is implemented. Dr. Bales reported there have been increased patrols in the surrounding neighborhoods for other reasons, but they are aware of the possibility of individuals walking to the surrounding neighborhoods to smoke.

The current smoking policy was implemented for the health of the community. The number one complaint she receives from the smoking policy is that people are not honoring the policy (windows not rolled up, etc.). The committee will more than likely recommend no smoking in cars. A member of the senate informed her of the area by the College of Architecture and Planning building where smokers congregate, which is not a designated smoking area. Vice President Bales indicated she would check into this area as she was not aware of it.

The goal of the committee is to take it to the Board of Trustees for vote at their March meeting. She thanked the senate for their input.

B. Survey Report

President Jo Ann Gora

This presentation is an abbreviated one from the presentation made to the colleges, however it involves the same two topics: the budget situation/performance funding formula and the Workplace Environment Survey. (Attachment #2)

The President replied to the following questions after the presentation:

- *What is the timeframe on the allocation?*

This is determined by ICHE. We never know when this is going to happen.

- *How long do graduate students have to go for us to get funding for them?*

There is no time limit to graduate. Previously, we did not receive funding for them.

- *Academic Plan, Master Plan; are there plans to differentiate to obtain more funding?*

Graduation rate has improved, third highest graduation rates, highest applications rate for freshman class (almost 16,000 applications received).

- *Will tuition rates go up for students?*

We will not know until we know what support we are going to receive from the state. It is very challenging to keep our tuition low.

- *Are there any other feasible formulas used on the state level?*

Each state has different formulas, but the themes are similar across the nation. We have no control over what year they base the funding and that funding base will affect the next biennium. It is not felt in the current biennium.

4. Agenda Items I.C. (Next scheduled meetings), D. (Results of Constitutional Amendments, Enclosure #1), E. (Results of Constitutional Amendment by electronic vote), F. (Contract and Salary Information, Enclosure #2), G. (University Salary Document, Enclosure #3), H. (Department Name Change), and I. (Response from Undergraduate Committee, Enclosure #4), were reviewed.

5. There was a moment of silence to recognize the deaths of Arnold Lee Cirtin, Adelaide Meador Cole, Edward Lyon, and Jerry McManama.
6. Committee Reports
  - A. Governance and Elections Committee – Ralph Bremigan, Chairperson, reported the committee has not met since the last senate meeting.
  - B. Faculty Council – Kip Shawger, Chairperson, reported the council met on January 10 and heard the report from the Special Leave Committee and approved the revisions to the graduate faculty policy and calendar proposal. The next meeting of the council is February 21.
  - C. University Council – Katie Slabaugh, Chairperson, reported the council met on January 24 and approved the revisions to the calendar proposal. Their next meeting is February 28.
  - D. Campus Council – Kevin Thurman, Chairperson, reported the council met and spoke with Vice President Bales and Dr. McGeary concerning the smoking policy. There was also a discussion on Cardinal Cash. The calendar proposal from the Undergraduate Education Committee, failed by vote.
  - E. Student Senate - Chris Wilkey, President, Student Government Association (SGA), reported two pieces of legislation were presented and have gone into committees. They are planning a campus/statewide initiative for school pride and healthy lifestyles. There is a free app for smart phones that can log your miles you walk/run. More information will be available in the coming weeks.
7. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Dave Pearson (University Senate Agenda 2/14/13, Enclosure #5)
  - Provost Terry King reported on the final report from the Task Force on Academic Rigor.
  - There is a faculty vacancy on the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE). Dave Pearson is a member of the nominating committee for the state, with the Governor making the final decision. Any full-time faculty member is eligible to serve a two year term. More information will follow on the Communications Center.
8. Unfinished Business
  - A. Diversity Statement SR 02-10/11 (University Senate Agenda 2/14/13, Enclosure #6) TABLED

A motion was made and seconded (Wilkey/Guzeldereli) to remove from the table for discussion.

The motion carried.

Jacob Kluth, author of the student senate resolution, read a statement to the members of the senate (Attachment #1).

Kevin Thurman, chair of the Campus Council, explained there are categories of people that are not included in the EEOC statement.

The motion amend the current statement, carried.
9. New Business
  - A. Revision of Graduate Faculty Policy (University Senate Agenda, 2/14/13, Enclosure #7)

Discussion ensued. A friendly amendment was accepted under 2.112 under 2. Associate Member:

2.112 To provide reasonable assurance that their service will be available throughout the period of their appointment as associate member.

A motion was made and seconded (Shawger/Steib) to approve the revised policy.

The motion carried.

B. Motion from Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) regarding spring semester finals week.

UEC 11/19/12  
Faculty Council 1/10/13  
University Council 1/24/13  
Campus Council (Failed 1/31/13)

“Change the Spring semester to follow the Fall semester more closely, and to go to a four-day finals week with the Monday of that week given back to instruction. This would add one day of teaching to the Spring semester and make it equivalent to the Fall in terms of the number of class days.”

A motion was made and seconded (Steib/Kluth) to approve the revised schedule.

Discussion ensued. Kevin Thurman, chair of the Campus Council, explained the reason for the council’s not approving the revision was because it would limit final exams until Tuesday and it was the consensus of the group to spread the exams out over five days instead of four.

The motion to approve the revised schedule carried, by hand vote: Yes: 27, No votes or abstentions were counted by hand vote.

10. Other Items

There were no other items.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

March 21, 2013

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David Pearson, Chairperson

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Jane Ellery, Secretary

Statement from Jacob Kluth, Author of SR 02-10/11:

For an institution whose strategic plan claims to embrace multicultural inclusion and diversity to simply recommend instead of require a message of goodwill to students who may encounter an uncomfortable situation, Ball State will not fulfill their duties to their students of creating a holistic learning environment where everybody feels like their opinions matter in every classroom. Having the statement in the student code is great, but there is a huge difference between the university's stance on multiculturalism and that of individual professors. While the argument arises that students might not always read their syllabus, it still serves as the most convenient tool that students use to get information about their courses and professors because they can have a paper copy or instant access via blackboard. This diversity statement will help Ball State take a step forward with their strategic plan points of fostering student-faculty collaboration, adapting policies and procedures remove impediments to student success and ensuring that students' academic and student-life experiences. I know some professors and administrators oppose this bill, but I, along with the Student Senate, Multicultural Organizations and Greek Life implore you to take a step forward to help Ball State create a positive learning environment where all input, regardless of its background, is encouraged and accepted.

