

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE 2013-14 UNIVERSITY SENATE
Thursday, November 14, 2013

Members Present: 61

Members Absent: 7

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 BB 109.

Members Present: E. Agnew, C. Anagnos, J. Bolin, R. Bremigan, B. Brey, P. Buis, B. Byers, S. Byrum, B. Canada, D. Caristi, J. Chapman, M. Chiuni, C. Corbin, E. Crawford, R. Davis, G. Dodson, J. Fitzgerald, J. Forbey, A. France, M. Gillilan, J. Gora, D. Grosnick, J. Gruver, J. Hammons, M. Hanley, A. Harden, T. Hendricks, J. Hesser, M. Hill, J. Huff, J. Jemiolo, J. Jones-Hall, L. Julian, T. King, K. Kreamelmeyer, L. Lehman, M. Maggiotto, T. Mahfouz, L. O'Hara, C. Pak, D. Pearson, N. Perera, S. Rice-Snow, T. Richardson, D. Shawger, D. Singh, G. Slater, L. Slone, C. Staggs, L. Stevens, C. Stone, L. Sullivan, L. Sun, C. Thomas, K. Thurman, D. Wheeler, S. Zhuk

Substitutes: Ron Kovac for R. Bellaver, Melinda Messineo for L. Pellerin, Sheryl Swingley for J. Strauss, Ruth Jones for S. Wilczynski

Members Absent: S. Aegisdottir, A. Beane, R. Butler, M. Holtzman, C. Munchel, S. Pattison, C. Updike

2. A motion was made and seconded (Anagnos/Thurman) to approve the University Senate minutes of October 24, 2013.

The motion carried.

3. Announcements

A. Next Scheduled Meetings

Senate Agenda Committee – Monday, January 6, 2014, 2:00 p.m., Letterman Building (LB), Rm. 104
University Senate – Thursday, January 16, 2014, 4:00 p.m., Letterman Building (LB), Room 125

Items I. B. (Program Information), and C. Student Activities Committee (Enclosure #1) were reviewed by the senate.

4. The Senate had a moment of silence to recognize the deaths of David Feldman and E. Jocelyn Mackey (University Senate Agenda, 11/14/13, Enclosure #2)

5. Council/Committee/Student Senate Reports

- A. Governance and Elections Committee – Ralph Bremigan, Chairperson. Ralph reported the committee will meet next week to review the amendments and revisions to the handbook. There are two revisions submitted as first readings for today's meeting.
- B. Faculty Council – Kip Shawger, Chairperson. Kip reported the Faculty Council met on October 31. They had guests Laura Helms, Associate Dean of University College, and Steve Reed, Coordinator of Enterprise Systems, who discussed the new space assignment software, R25.
- C. University Council – Michael Gillilan, Chairperson. Michael reported the University Council met on 11/7 and had John Fallon, Associate Vice President for Economic Development and Community Engagement, attend the meeting to talk about the Building Better Communities Initiatives. The council conducted a vote against HJR6 with the results being 14 in favor of opposition and one abstention.

- D. Campus Council – Kevin Thurman, Chairperson. Kevin reported the Campus Council has not met since the last senate meeting. They will meet again in February, 2014.
- E. Student Senate – Alyssa France, Vice President, Student Government Association (SGA). Alyssa reported the SGA is working fulfilling the platform obligations of the executive committee. They are also sponsoring a state-wide student government and leadership development conference which has been taking up a considerable amount of time. They are proud of sponsoring this first-time ever conference on campus. The student senate also voted and passed opposition to HJR6.
7. David Pearson, Chairperson of the University Senate, reviewed the GANTT Chart (University Senate Agenda, 11/14/13, Enclosure #3) with the membership of the Senate.

8. President's Remarks

The President had no report but asked if there were any questions.

- *A question was asked as to whether there is fear of ObamaCare affecting our health benefits.*

The president reported she will know more next week. It was shared with the Board of Trustees at their last meeting. She believes there will be an increased cost to the university; however, no individual will be impacted.

9. Question and Answer Period

There were no questions.

10. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

11. New Business

A. Credit Hour Policy (University Senate Agenda, 11/14/13, Enclosure #4)

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

Marilyn Buck, Associate Provost and Dean of University College, was present at today's meeting to answer questions. This revision was suggested by the accreditation team of the Higher Learning Commission.

The vote to approve the revision of the Credit Hour Policy, carried.

B. Constitutional Amendments (University Senate Agenda, 11/14/13, Enclosure #5)

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

Since this is the first reading and no discussion takes place, a motion was made and seconded (Fitzgerald/Jones-Hall) to table until the next meeting.

The motion to table the constitutional amendments carried.

C. HJR6

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

The following motion was read by faculty council chair, Kip Shawger:

“It is moved that Senate request the university administration make the following statement:

In light of the ongoing debates around House Joint Resolution 6, Ball State University reaffirms our commitment to diversity and tolerance. We believe that providing a welcoming and supportive environment is not only morally right but also economically sound. To attract the best and brightest students and the most talented faculty and staff, we need to recognize the diverse needs of the university community. On behalf of its faculty, staff, and students, Ball State opposes adoption of House Joint Resolution 6 and supports the goals of the Freedom Indiana organization.”

Discussion ensued. A senate member inquired about the Freedom Indiana organization. Kip Shawger responded that the goal of this organization is supporting the rights of all citizens of Indiana.

Opposition to this bill passed the faculty council (Y33-N6), and university council (Y14-N0-A1). The Student Senate Resolution (05-13/14) was authored by two and sponsored by 329, with more sponsors names coming in daily.

It is not clear how the same sex partner benefits offered on campus will play out if this bill is passed.

A motion was made and seconded (Fitzgerald/Thurman) to have vote by paper ballot. Clarification was made regarding yes or no. A yes vote means you are opposing the legislation. A no vote means you are in favor of the bill.

The results of the paper ballot: Yay 51 Nay 9 Abstention 1

The motion and vote to opposed HJR6 carried.

The results of this vote will be forwarded to university administration indicating opposition to HJR6.

12. Other Items

There were no other items.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

January 16, 2014

David Pearson, Chairperson

Amy Harden, Secretary