

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE 2013-14 UNIVERSITY SENATE
Thursday, February 13, 2014

Members Present: 55

Members Absent: 12

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: S. Aegisdottir, E. Agnew, C. Anagnos, A. Beane, R. Bellaver, J. Bolin, R. Bremigan, B. Brey, P. Buis, B. Byers, S. Byrum, D. Caristi, J. Chapman, M. Chiuini, E. Crawford, R. Davis, G. Dodson, J. Forbey, M. Gillilan, D. Grosnick, J. Gruver, A. Harden, C. Hendershot, T. Hendricks, J. Hesser, M. Hill, M. Holtzman, J. Huff, J. Jemiolo, L. Julian, T. King, K. Kreamelmeyer, T. Mahfouz, E. Nesson, L. O'Hara, S. Pattison, D. Pearson, L. Pellerin, S. Rice-Snow, T. Richardson, D. Shawger, D. Singh, G. Slater, L. Sullivan, L. Sun, C. Thomas, K. Thurman, D. Wheeler, S. Zhuk

Substitutes: Lisa Jarrell for J. Hammons, Robin Blom for M. Hanley, Kari Murphy for J. Jones-Hall, Susan Johnson for M. Maggiotto, Brian Meekin for C. Munchel, Lathrop Johnson for C. Pak

Members Absent: R. Butler, B. Canada, C. Corbin, J. Fitzgerald, J. Gora, K. Koch, L. Lehman, N. Perera, L. Slone, L. Stevens, J. Strauss, C. Updike

2. A motion was made and seconded (Thurman/Hesser) to approve the University Senate minutes of November 14, 2013.

The motion carried.

3. Announcements

Items A. (Next Scheduled Meetings), B. (Program Information), and C. (Minimum Grade Requirements-Enclosure #1) were reviewed by the members of the Senate.

4. The Senate had a moment of silence to recognize the deaths of Dorothy Johnson Burkhardt, Margaret Hosey, Thomas R. Mertens, and Earl Yestingsmeier.

5. Council/Committee/Student Senate Reports

- A. Governance and Elections Committee – Ralph Bremigan, chair of the committee, was ill today and the chair of the senate read the following report:

1. University Senate and Senate Agenda Committee elections are on April 24, the last meeting of the University Senate. Anyone who would like to nominate someone or themselves should forward name(s) to Ralph or Melanie Turner by March 26. After that date, the committee will work to recruit nominees.
2. The preference poll will be sent soon through the communications center. Please encourage faculty in your department and professional personnel in your area to participate.
3. The Professional Education Committee (PEC) is working hard to substantially revise its membership and responsibilities. This will be a constitutional amendment. It is reasonable to believe the proposal will be ready for review by the Governance and Elections Committee as well as the Faculty Council this spring.
4. The committee is working with the International Programs Committee on revisions to its membership.

- B. Faculty Council – Kip Shawger, Chairperson. Kip reported the Faculty Council met on January 23 and approved the incomplete grade policy on today's agenda. They will meet again on February 20.

- C. University Council – Michael Gillilan, Chairperson. Michael reported the University Council met on January 30. There was significant discussion regarding the Online Distance Education Committee. The University Council has written a statement in opposition to having the committee move to the Faculty Council. Another action item includes a letter to the Board of Trustees regarding the lack of professional personnel on the Presidential Search Committee.
 - D. Campus Council – Kevin Thurman, Chairperson. Kevin reported the Campus Council met and approved revisions to the Student Code. They continued their discussion on Cardinal Cash in the residence halls.
 - E. Student Senate – Chloe Anagnos, President, Student Government Association (SGA). Chloe reported SGA is in the middle of nominations convention for the next two weeks. Carli Hendershot is working on implementing Cardinal Cash in residence halls. They are working on getting the blue recycling bags to students in the residence halls. Regarding Blackboard testing labs – they are proposing to continue to provide walk-in testing labs instead of appointments. Finally, they are proposing mid-term evaluations for all classes instead of just a few of them.
6. David Pearson, Chairperson of the University Senate, reviewed the GANTT Chart (University Senate Agenda, 2/20/14, Enclosure #2) with the membership of the Senate.

The GANTT Chart will be revised to add progress on the issue of Telecommuting and Family Leave. The issue of post-tenure review has been added. The University Promotion and Tenure Committee was sent the request to review a policy sent to them. There is a policy at Indiana University and Purdue is getting ready to pass one, as well. Two other universities in the state have policies in place regarding this issue. A review of every other year is not what is proposed. It does not mean a faculty member has to go through tenure all over again. This policy will look at chronic non-performance. It is understood that every department has established satisfactory or meritorious performance with regard to their faculty. There may be some faculty, however, that stay in a chronic state of underperformance.

The chair reported the issue is still ongoing regarding pursuing the opening of more parking spaces next to the Central Chilling Plant because of the elimination of several parking spaces in the restricted lot (R11), next to the Cooper Science Building and construction of the new planetarium.

7. Questions Directed to the President

The President was not in attendance at today's meeting; however, Provost King reported on the following:

- a. The Academic Planning Committee has been active for over a year. The plan is to have a framework or plan to bring back to the university community sometime in March. There have been interesting discussions regarding the academic plan regarding health sciences and allied professions being possibly located in a new college. The discussion included Bryan Mills, President and CEO of Community Health Network, David Johnson the President and CEO of Biocrossroads, and John Lechleiter, President and CEO of Eli Lilly Corporation spoke with us and all are very complimentary of our graduates.
- b. Last Monday (February 10), Jeff Selingo, the author of "College (Un)bound: The Future of Higher Education," spoke in Pruis Hall. It was an excellent discussion on what colleges will look like in the future.
- c. Next Monday (February 17), Rich DeMillo will speak in Pruis Hall about the use of technology in higher education. DeMillo is a distinguished professor of computing at the Georgia Institute of Technology, director of the Center for 21st Century Universities, a Lumina Foundation fellow, and chief scientist at the Qatar Computing Research Institute.

8. Question and Answer Period

There were no questions.

9. Unfinished Business

A. Constitutional Amendments (University Senate Agenda, 2/20/14, Enclosure #3)

Tabled from 1/16/14 meeting

The chair of University Senate informed the members that amendments require sixty days to hear back from the departments/areas concerning the amendments. There will not enough time to have these amendments approved in time to include in the 2014-15 Faculty and Professional Personnel Handbook. Further, there was a very solid argument at the last Agenda Committee meeting that not enough communication had taken place between the Online Distance Education Committee and the University Council concerning Amendment #1 and Amendment #3.

Amendment #1 Move Online Distance Education Committee from University Council to Faculty Council

A motion as made and seconded (Shawger/Thurman) to table until further communication and discussion can take place.

The motion carried.

Amendment #2 Revisions to Graduate Education Committee membership/responsibilities

A motion was made and seconded to approve this amendment.

The motion carried.

Amendment #3 Revision to Online Distance Education Committee membership/responsibilities

A motion was made and seconded (Gillilan/Shawger) to table until further communication and discussion can take place.

The motion carried.

Amendment #4 Revision to responsibilities of Academic Technology Committee

A motion was made and seconded to approve this revision.

The motion carried.

Amendment #5 Revision to responsibilities of Library Committee

Discussion: Jeff Green, a member of the Library Committee, was in attendance at today's meeting. The Library Committee is in favor of this revision.

A motion was made and seconded to approve this revision.

The motion carried.

10. New Business

A. Revision of Incomplete Grades Policy (University Senate Agenda, 2/20/14, Enclosure #4)

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

Nancy Cronk and Deborah Mix were in attendance at today's meeting to answer questions from the members. Nancy indicated there was good discussion at the Faculty Council meeting and the fear that faculty could not

ask for extensions was resolved. Reminders are also sent once a month to inform students that their incomplete grade is still on the table and needs to be completed.

The department chair and dean must also give approval. Provost King asked Academic Systems to devise a form for all to use.

The motion to approve the revision of the Incomplete Grades Policy carried.

11. Other Items

There were no other items.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

March 20, 2014

David Pearson, Chairperson

Amy Harden, Secretary

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