

MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE 2015-16 UNIVERSITY SENATE  
Thursday, September 3, 2015

Members Present: 53

Members Absent: 10

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: E. Agnew, A. Beane, J. Becker, D. Berger, R. Bernot, B. Chang, M. Chiuni, J. Christman, A. Crow, W. Donohue, P. Ferguson, J. Fitzgerald, B. Frankel, J. Gruver, M. Hanley, A. Harden, M. Hill, M. Holtzman, S. Hsieh, J. Huff, J. Jemiolo, T. Jitpaiboon, J. Johnson, R. Johnson, T. King, K. Koch, R. Kraus, M. Lee, M. Maggiotto, T. Mahfouz, C. Marlow, K. McCauliff, S. McFadden, C. Munchel, E. Nesson, C. Pak, S. Pattison, M. Quick, S. Rice-Snow, K. Ritchey, S. Shim, J. Sponseller, J. Stroh, C. Thomas, B. Wagner, M. Warter, D. Wheeler, R. Wijesinghe, S. Zhuk, E. Zygmunt

Substitutes: Don Nicholas for S. Aegisdottir (Fall, 2015), Drew Vidal for K. Kessler, Denise Seabert for J. Khubchandani (Fall, 2015)

Members Absent: R. Aby, A. Brown, R. Brown, J. Hesser, L. Julian, R. Kovac, I. Livshits, C. Luchs, K. Rosenberger, K. Warren-Gordon

A motion was made and seconded (Beane/Fitzgerald) to approve the minutes of April 23, 2015.

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. F. (Approval of Senate Actions), I.G. (Notice of Change in Office/Department Name), and I. H. (Business approved by Senate Agenda Committee on behalf of University Senate-Enclosures #3, 4, 5) were reviewed by the Senate membership.

Item I. E. (Overview of Senate System), will be added to the agenda for the next meeting of the University Senate.

3. Recognition of Deaths

There was a moment of silence to recognize the deaths of William S. (Bill) Bryant, Raymond Dean, and Tracy Hopkins Norris.

4. Committee Reports

- A. Governance and Elections Committee – the committee met today and elected Julie Stroh secretary of the committee. They reviewed editorial revisions to several committees and discussed the procedures for populating a college. The next meeting is Thursday, October 8.
- B. Faculty Council – Michael Hanley, Chairperson. The Council will meet for the first time next Thursday, September 10, and elect members to the Governance and Elections Committee.
- C. University Council – Derek Berger, Chairperson. The Council will meet for the first time on Thursday, September 17.
- D. Campus Council – Rachel Johnson, Chairperson. The Council will meet for the first time on Thursday, September 24.

5. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Amy Harden (University Senate Agenda, 9/3/15, Enclosure #6)

Amy reported several items carried over from last year, but many will be resolved soon. There were no questions pertaining to the GANTT Chart.

6. Questions Directed to the President

President Ferguson reported total student enrollment is up by approximately 2.5 percent. He is excited at the overall commitment by the faculty here on campus. Freshman numbers down and have been for several years, but the numbers look good. He thanked the members for all they do to encourage success for our students.

Academic Excellence Grants – this is the first year for these awards and there many excellent proposals submitted. There were 76 full proposals submitted out of 105. Sixteen proposals, accounting for \$4.2M were funded. He appreciated the effort of Provost King for working through a number of accounts to direct additional funding for these excellent grants. This first round is exciting, but he is looking forward to how we use this process to promote faculty development, community engagement, etc.

There were no questions for the President.

7. Question and Answer Period

There were no questions.

8. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

9. New Business

A. Members of Councils/Committees in University Governance System (University Senate Agenda, 9/3/15, Enclosure #7)

A motion was made and seconded (Fitzgerald/R. Johnson) to approve the membership of the councils and committees.

The motion carried.

B. College of Health (Power Point presentation)

Mitch Whaley, Dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Technology, as well as Denise Seabert, chair of the department of Physiology and Health Sciences, and co-chairs of the Proposed College of Health Implementation Task Force were present at today's meeting. Dean Whaley reported the representation of the task force was broad and there was significant input from faculty members to get the task force to this point, as well as endorsement from many major corporations across the State of Indiana. The Senate is not approving a structure yet, only to create a college. The presentation also includes the process of populating a college.

A motion was made and seconded (Frankel/R. Johnson) to create a college.

Dean Whaley went on to say that the creation of a College of Health has been an ongoing discussion for many years. It has, however, been under academic planning since two years ago. There was a health-related subcommittee formed during AY 2013-14, conducting research to bring together a plan. This is a timely conversation because of the increase of health-related jobs in Indiana.

The following questions were raised by members of the Senate:

- Facilities? Are departments staying where they are or is there going to be a new facility?

*There will not necessarily be a mass movement of departments until there is a design for a new building. It is also not foreign to many people to have departments/centers in different buildings.*

- Is it part of a long-range plan to have a new building?

*Yes, a new building related to health. The size would depend if everyone who votes comes to the new college. The number would determine the size of the building.*

- What is "Allied Health Completer?"

*Denise Seabert stated there is a demand to help health professionals with an associate degree to complete a bachelor's degree, because of teaching, etc. The same thing is happening in terms of supervision in units, training, clinical education, etc. An online program is more than likely because most of these individuals work jobs during the day. This would train them in education/professional development/management. It would add different skills beyond their clinical practice.*

- What about affiliation with IU Ball Memorial Health?

*We have affiliation agreements and interaction with them already. This would not end, but the area of medical education at the hospital would have some interest in the simulation lab we will have. Provost King added we already have a medical school on campus – IU medical degree. It is taught here in Muncie with two years coursework and then two years in medical practice, etc. They will build the education aspects together and work with social workers, etc. This is a key feature making it attractive to our partners around the state.*

- Has population occurred already?

*Population has not occurred. It would be in the timeline that we recommended, the logical timeline would be this fall if we get through step one. There could be other programs that express interest through a voting process.*

The motion to create a new College of Health carried.

10. Other Items

There were no other items.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Kraus, Secretary

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