

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE 2016-17 UNIVERSITY SENATE
March 30, 2017

Members Present: 38

Members Absent: 24

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair of the University Senate, Kourtland Koch, at 4:00 p.m.
Roll Call was taken by initialing the roster located at the entrance to LB 125.

Members Present: S. Aegisdottir, E. Agnew, A. Batres, J. Becker, K. Berryhill, M. Buck, J. Christman, C. Dodd, J. Fitzgerald, B. Frankel, K. Gayes, J. Ghezzi, J. Griffith, L. Helms, J. Hopwood, J. Jacobson, J. Jemiolo, K. Kessler, T. King, K. Koch, M. Lee, B. Loughlin, T. Mahfouz, L. Mauer, K. McCauliff, S. McFadden, C. Pak, S. Pattison, N. Phillips, K. Ritchey, D. Roof, S. Shim, C. Thomas, D. Wheeler, R. Wijesinghe, S. Wu, A. Yen, E. Zygumt

Substitutes: M. Kovach for M. Baker, J. Helton for A. Crow, H. Hogue for M. Hill, R. Petts for R. Kraus, D. Rutherford for I. Livshits, M. Vercellotti for E. Riddle, G. Carbo for J. Wells, F. Suppe for S. Zhuk

Members Absent: J. Ballesteros, R. Bernot, C. Bohanan, J. Chapman, M. Chiuini, A. DeLong, L. Humphrey, T. Jitpaiboon, J. Khubchandani, R. Kovac, A. Kuban, C. Luchs, C. Marlow, N. Masson, J. McKinney, A. Moore, M. Moore, K. Nicholson, K. Rosenberger, A. Smith, J. Sponseller, H. Wang, K. Warren-Gordon, K. Webber

Substitutions were noted.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of February 23, 2017.

Motion carried

2. Chairperson Koch thanked the representative from Unified Technology Support for running the console.
3. Announcements
Items I. A. (Next Scheduled Meetings), I. B. (Notice of Change in Department/Office Name, Enclosure #1) were reviewed by the Senate membership. It was noted that the next scheduled University Senate meeting will be a double meeting for old and new University Senate members.
4. Recognition of Deaths
There was a moment of silence to recognize the deaths of Dr. Rodney E. Davis and Barbara N. Heifner.
5. Committee Reports
 - A. Governance and Elections Committee –The committee is compiling an executive slate for University Senate and encouraging multiple candidates to run so that seats do not go unopposed. G&E is also facilitating college-wide voting for the 5 colleges affected by the dissolution of CAST. K. Kessler will send a report on outcomes once the voting has been completed.
 - B. Faculty Council – Met last Thursday and offered an update about telecommuting. The Academic Technology Committee shared information about ebook options that was presented to them from Joel Whitesel from iLearn, who will be presenting this information at the upcoming Council meeting also. In the meantime, FC reps will gather questions for Joel from their departments about best options for ebooks and for making textbooks/course materials more affordable for students in general.
 - C. University Council – Discussed telecommuting’s move from Faculty Council to the Professional Personnel & Salary Benefits Committee in University Council. The Research Committee, which will meet Monday, April 3, continues to progress on Responsible Conduct of Research. The Council is also putting together an executive slate ahead of its next meeting, which will be a double meeting for old and new Council members, on April 6.
 - D. Campus Council – No report. The next meeting is scheduled for April 13.
 - E. Student Government Association – Greg Carbo, SGA president-elect, and Katie Wells, SGA vice-president-elect, introduced themselves and invited everyone to the SGA inauguration, in Cardinal Hall on April 19th.
6. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Kourtland Koch – GANTT chart (Enclosure #2) - Issues in the Senate System
 - Responsible Conduct of Research – The Research Committee has established contact with Jennifer Weaver in the office to determine the best avenues for pursuing this issue.
 - Telecommuting – Moved to University Council
 - ROA – The ad hoc committee met on March 27 and fleshed out the questions that will need to be addressed in order to pursue this item.

- Stopping the Tenure Clock – Up for Senate review
- Review of Senate System Structure – Currently researching governance structures in peer institutions that could inform Senate restructuring at Ball State
- Titles & Promotions – Up for review at Senate Agenda on April 17 and potentially progressing through Faculty Council and University Senate before the school year ends

7. Questions Directed to the Interim President

Interim President King followed up on a university communication he distributed earlier this month, in the wake of recent displays of intolerance on campus. He praised the campus community for its commitment to both honoring free speech and working actively to combat hate speech, while maintaining thoughtful dialogues about these issues. He encouraged the campus community to continue engaging these dialogues.

He summarized issues that are up for review by the Board: approving a Master's in Social Work, approving a Bachelor's in Architecture, and naming the Choral Hall in honor of the Hahn family. He also reported that the Board approved the parental leave policy, which will go into effect on July 1st.

Interim President King highlighted the value of the Titles and Promotions for Contract Faculty legislation as a means to recognize the hard work of dedicated contract faculty members and offer opportunities for growth.

Interim President King and Acting Provost Buck fielded questions about the practical implications of faculty losing the assistance of dedicated grant writers from the Center for International Development. They encouraged faculty to continue collaborative grant writing projects. Acting Provost Buck advised faculty to write project managers into the grant proposal process (as dedicated grant writers did in the past), and to take advantage of the resources in Sponsored Projects Administration as well.

Interim President King offered an overview of the timeline for replacing the Cooper Science building: the first phase of the replacement will be the Health Professions building and construction will begin this summer and continue through the next 18 mos. Negotiations are currently underway with the legislature about funding for the 2nd phase of the replacement. It's likely that Physics & Astronomy will remain in Cooper Science in renovated space.

8. Question and Answer Period

There were no additional questions.

9. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

10. New Business

A. Stopping the Tenure Clock (Enclosure #4)

The Senate reviewed the Stopping the Tenure Clock item, which revises the language in the handbook concerning conditions for extending the tenure evaluation period.

A motion was made and seconded to consider the language as presented.

Motion carried

The Chair opened the floor for discussion.

Questions/issues raised:

- The decision to omit an appeals process
- The rationale behind leaving out departmental P&T committees from the policy
- Ensuring confidentiality for faculty facing circumstances that necessitate requests to stop the tenure clock

- Resolving potential disputes between faculty and their chairs over what conditions warrant stopping the tenure clock
- The rationale behind omitting the word “partner”
- Clarification that stopping the tenure clock could extend the tenure review period from 7 to 9 yrs.
- Clarification that the Council of Deans is fine with this legislation

A motion was made and seconded to approve the revisions as presented.

Motion carried

11. Other Items

There were no other items.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 4:41 p.m.

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Mandy Watts for Rachel Kraus, Secretary

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