MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE 2018-19 UNIVERSITY SENATE
November 29, 2018

Members Present: 45
Members Absent: 17

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


Substitutes: M. Stephenson for J. Hopwood, S. Lovelace for J. Huff, G. Stamp for Kristen McCauliff


Substitutions were noted.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 1, 2018.
Motion carried.

2. Announcements
   A. Next Scheduled Meetings:
      University Senate – Thursday, January 17, 2019 in LB 125
      Senate Agenda Committee- Monday, January 7, 2019 in LB 104
   B. Academic Postings (attached PDF’s) - The postings were briefly reviewed.

3. Recognition of Deaths- A moment of silence was conducted.
   Dr. Duane N. Diedrich
   Professor Emeritus Communication Studies
   Retired 2002
   40 years of services

4. Committee Reports
   A. Governance and Elections Committee – Karen Kessler was not present- The committee is discussing the proposals for the senate restructuring. Both of the options will be presented to the Senate Agenda Committee and University Senate in January 2019.
   B. Faculty Council – Yaron Ayalon was not present- The Board of Trustees Membership issue was raised at the most recent Faculty Council meeting on November 8, 2018. Discussion will be continued to the January 24, 2019 meeting as Unfinished Business.
   C. University Council – Laura Helms was not present. At the Council meeting on November 15, 2018, Marilyn Buck completed a presentation on the Muncie Community Schools/Ball State University partnership project and answered Council members’ questions about the employee volunteer process. The Council also endorsed the Library Budget Resolution and voted to dissolve the Online/Distance Education Committee at the request of the Division of Online and Strategic Learning. These items will be brought to the Senate Agenda Committee on January 7, 2019
   D. Campus Council – Kathy Berryhill – Student Government Association – They had their last meeting yesterday, November 28, 2018 for the first reads of any new legislation. Second reads will occur next week, wrapping up the end of this semester. There are four pieces of legislation that may be brought to the Senate Agenda Committee in January 2019. There is a piece regarding an LGBTQ plus faculty position for students as a resource and a piece about Ball State being a Sanctuary University. A committee is being formed in preparation for selecting the next student Board of Trustee member. Kathy Berryhill will serve on that committee.
5. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Tarek Mahfouz – GANTT chart (Enclosure #1) - Issues in the Senate System
   Tarek explained that most item updates were already discussed earlier in this meeting. Tarek explained that the Student Government Association- ROTC Priority Scheduling item has been sent to the Admissions and Credits Committee who will meet on December 7, 2018. The two senate restructuring options will be presented to the University Senate in January 2019.

6. Questions Directed to the President Mearns:
   President Mearns arrived after questions had begun. Provost Rivera-Mills was present to answer questions until his arrival. Questions/Concerns brought up included:
   A. Faculty access to the gym and recreation services
   B. The new Incentive Based Financial Plan- training that will be provided to departments, management of overhead within the budget, how Core Curriculum changes will factor in to the model moving forward, Academic Leadership group meetings and the presentation being uploaded to the website, new website offering information about the new budget has been provided: bsu.edu/budgetmodel
   C. Impressions/concerns of the Provost during her first full semester this year
   D. Department visits with the Provost- asking for more time
   E. Reasons for changing from Blackboard to Canvas
   F. Enrollment and retention statistics update
   G. Next Board of Trustees meeting on December 14, 2018.
   H. Strategic Planning website updates

7. Question and Answer Period:
   There were no additional questions.

8. Unfinished Business:
   There was no unfinished business.

9. New Business:
   There was no new business.

10. Other Items:
    There were no other items.

11. Adjournment:
    A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 4:34 p.m.
     Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Helms, Secretary