

MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE 2019-20 UNIVERSITY SENATE  
October 3, 2019

Members Present: 53

Members Absent: 17

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

Substitutions were announced and noted. Those serving as senators that were sitting in the back were asked to move to the front of the room.

Members Present: C. Braden, C. Chen, B. Condie, B. Frankel, J. Fry, K. Gayes, L. Gerstein, R. Groeber, L. Helms, K. Hennessee, J. Hopwood, J. Huff, C. Kinsella, R. Kovac, A. Latz, S. Lee, C. Leonardson-Placek, L. Li, C. Luchs, T. Mafhouz, C. Malone, S. Martin, M. McGriff, C. McIntosh, A. Medellin, K. Mesarosh, D. Nardi, J. Plowdrey, K. Reese, R. Rice-Snow, S. Rivera-Mills, J. Shimkus, S. Smith, J. Sponseller, J. Truitt, J. Tye, R. Wijesinghe, M. Wilson, R. Yantz, A. Yen, E. Zymunt

Substitutes: K. Turcotte for C. Airriess, E. Nesson for C. Bohanon, E. Lucas for C. DeBlasio, G. Stamp for K. Heuett, M. Reeder for K. Kessler, J. Hague for M. Kovach, F. Gong for R. Kraus, N. Seely for A. Kuban, K. Smith for M. McCarthy, T. Arthur for J. Place, S. Staton for J. Thaller, B. Dale for S. Wilczynski

Members Absent: R. Bernot, L. Bielski, M. Cairns, J. Christman, M. Clayton, S. Fulton, C. Gallagher, D. Lewandowski, I. Livshits, D. Lytle, B. Means, G. Mearns, P. Nagelkirk, D. Roof, M. South, S. Tancock, L. Wang

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of August 29, 2019.

Motion carried.

2. Announcements

- A. Next Scheduled Meetings

University Senate – Thursday, October 31, 2019, 4:00 p.m., Letterman Building (LB), Rm. 125

Senate Agenda Committee – Monday, October 21, 2019 (LB 104)

- B. 2019-2020 Graduate Catalog revisions and Posting 1- (Attached PDF- Posting 1\_Graduate Catalog Front Matter and Excel Spreadsheet)

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS- *Attached are two items for Posting 1 2019-2020. The first is a PDF outlining changes made in the Graduate Catalog. The second is an excel spreadsheet that takes you to the posting item in SmartCatalog. You can access the proposal by clicking on the link in the excel spreadsheet, logging into the SmartCatalog dashboard with your BSU credentials, and clicking on the "Archived Proposals" tab on the right. In the future, the link in the excel spreadsheet will take you directly into the proposal.*

*Once you select the proposal, a new window will pop up. You can compare versions – like viewing Attachment A and B – by clicking on the "Compare Versions" button in the upper left hand corner.*

3. Recognition of Deaths

There was a moment of silence to recognize the death of the following:

Angeline Rosemary Pruis

"Angie" was the "First Lady" of Ball State University during Dr. John Pruis's presidency (1968-1978)

4. Questions Directed to President Mearns

President Mearns was unable to attend due to traveling. Provost Rivera-Mills is present for questions.

A question about any plans to develop the surrounding neighborhoods, the Village area or areas within Muncie was asked.

The Provost's response was yes, to reference a movement and website named Nextmuncie.com to find additional information on projects within the community and Ball State University's involvement.

5. Committee Reports

- A. Governance and Elections Committee – Laura Helms- Karen Kessler is on sabbatical this semester. Laura reports that Karen has met with the councils and the Student Government Association. Karen is planning to meet with administration and then will report updates back to the University Senate.
- B. Faculty Council – Jon Truitt- Vice Chair of Faculty Council- The council received a report from Karen Kessler about how restructuring governance could potentially affect Faculty Council. The council began discussion about the Graduate Education Committee’s Taught/with policy revision proposal. This item was tabled for the next meeting on October 10, 2019.
- C. University Council – Laura Helms- The council met on September 12, 2019. The council received a report from Karen Kessler and will be providing feedback via email and continue the discussion at the next meeting on October 17, 2019.
- D. Student Government Association – Aiden Medellin – The association met with Karen Kessler regarding the disintegration of Campus Council and how the Student Government Association will assume appointments to the necessary committees within university governance.

6. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Tarek Mahfouz – Gantt chart (Enclosure #4) - Issues in the Senate System

Tarek Mahfouz reviewed each item briefly, highlighting the current location and ongoing nature of each. These items included:

- A. Library Committee Resolution- Tarek provided background information. A Library Committee member announced that the committee will be providing a request to withdraw their proposal from the governance system. This should be coming to the Senate office once the committee is able to meet.
- B. Core Curriculum Revision- Tarek explained this proposal was brought forward in April 2019. A portion reducing the core credit hours from thirty-six hours to thirty house was voted on and approved. Additional portions of the proposal were not considered for a vote. Additional information and action was requested of the University Core Curriculum Committee. The committee is meeting every week to discuss this. At the first two meetings were more informational and receive background. Currently working on devising open forums, when where how to get feedback about foundation courses and how they will fit into the core curriculum proposal.
- C. Graduate Education Committee- Taught/with policy revision proposal- We have already heard an update from Jon Truitt
- D. Online Distance Education Committee- Tarek provided a summary of the movement of the item. There is a meeting with the executive members of governance and Trudi Weyermann to discuss the structure that would best serve her department and the committee, set for October 4, 2019.
- E. Fee Remission Time-clock- Laura Helms explained that she will continue to invite representation from Human Resources department to address this information. Human Resources said they will attend the November 14, 2019 meeting to discuss the issue.
- F. Student Government Association-ROTC Priority Scheduling- This item has been sent to the Admissions and Credits Committee. A policy has been created and will be proposed to the University Council very soon. University Council was not able to get to this item at the last meeting. It will be discussed on October 17, 2019. Jon Truitt added that the Student Government Association request initiated the policy that has been created by the Admissions and Credits Committee.
- G. Student Government Association-LGBTQ Affairs Liaison- This information has been shared with Student Affairs. Ro-Anne Royer Engle is working with Dr. Marsha McGriff- Inclusive Excellence Director- to determine how to move forward with this request. This was sent to Student Affairs from the Senate Agenda Committee to determine if there were any other minority groups that could benefit from a liaison as well. No new information at this time.
- H. Graduate Education Committee-Taught/with courses revisions- This information will be reviewed by the Faculty Council at their next meeting on September 5, 2019.
- I. Board of Trustee membership- Tarek explained that the original Ad hoc committee will be sent a letter giving the Senate Agenda Committee’s charge to move this item forward.
- J. Senate Restructuring Ad hoc Writing Committee- We have already heard an update on this item from Karen Kessler.

7. Question and Answer Period:

There were no additional questions.

8. Unfinished Business:

- A. Resolution Amending Membership on Board of Trustees consideration (see attached PDF-BoT 1819-04)- Dr. J. Flowers.  
Tarek Mahfouz provided background information and a summary of the progression of this item through governance. Discussion ensued and consisted of, but not limited to these concerns:
  - Tarek has spoken to Jim Flowers about Senate’s support on moving forward with this item
  - The original Ad hoc Committee will be given a charge in a letter from Tarek soon
  - A coalition will be necessary to potentially gain legislative change
  - The President and Provost do not have control over membership without legislative changes

- Option of adding a non-voting faculty member to the Board of Trustees was mentioned as an alternative

A motion was made and seconded to support this item moving forward and provide a detailed charge to the Ad hoc Committee.

The vote was taken by a count of raised hands. A count of hands showed twenty-five (25) in support of the motion and one (1) opposed to the motion.

Motion carried.

9. New Business:

A. President Salary Increase Proposal (Enclosure #2)- Jon Truitt

A motion was made and seconded to open discussion.

Jon Truitt provided background information on the development of this proposal and referenced the enclosure.

A revision was suggested to change the word “match” in the final sentence of the resolution with the words, “align with”.

Jon Truitt made a friendly amendment to change the word “match” to “align with” in the last sentence of his proposal. He then accepted his friendly amendment.

A motion was made and seconded to approve and provide this proposal to University Administration as a recommendation.

One (1) abstention noted was noted.

Motion carried.

10. Other Items: No other items at this time.

11. Adjournment:

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Helms, Secretary