

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE 2019-20 UNIVERSITY SENATE
December 5, 2019

Members Present: 50

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: L. Bielski, C. Braden, M. Cairns, C. Chen, B. Condie, J. Fry, K. Gayes, C. Gallagher, L. Gerstein, L. Helms, K. Hennessee, K. Heuett, J. Hopwood, J. Huff, C. Kinsella, A. Kuban, A. Latz, S. Lee, C. Placek, L. Li, C. Luchs, T. Mahfouz, C. Malone, M. McCarthy, C. McIntosh, G. Mearns, K. Mesarosh, P. Nagelkirk, D. Nardi, J. Plowdrey, K. Reese, S. Rivera-Mills, D. Roof, J. Shimkus, J. Truitt, J. Tye, L. Wang, M. Wilson, R. Yantz, A. Yen, E. Zygmunt

Substitutes: K. Turcotte for C. Airriess, M. Reeder for K. Kessler, C. Jarrett for M. Kovach, F. Gong for R. Kraus, T. Arthur for J. Place, K. Kreamelmeyer for S. Tancock, S. Staton for J. Thaller, B. Dale for S. Wilczynski

Members Absent: R. Bernot, C. Bohanon, J. Christman, M. Clayton, C. DeBlasio, B. Frankel, S. Fulton, R. Groeber, R. Kovac, D. Lewandowski, I. Livshits, S. Martin, M. McGriff, R. Rice-Snow, J. Sponseller, M. South, R. Wijesinghe

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of October 3, 2019.

Motion carried.

2. Announcements

- A. Next Scheduled Meetings

University Senate– Thursday, January 16, 2020, 4:00 p.m., Letterman Building (LB), Rm. 125

Senate Agenda Committee – Monday, January 6, 2020 (LB 104)

- B. 2019-2020 Posting 2- (Attached Excel Spreadsheet Link- Copy of Posting 2 2019-2020)

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS- Attached is the item for Posting 2 2019-2020. The item 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, 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.

- C. 2019-2020 Posting 3- (Link and instructions below)

Attached is Posting 3 2019-2020, which will certify November 18th, 2019. In order to view each SmartCatalog proposal, simply click on the link that will take you directly into the proposed revisions. Within these revisions, you can click the “Compare Versions” button to open a new tab that will display track changes, clearly outlining the changes made. Please note there are additional Graduate Catalog front matter changes in this posting as well.

<https://www.bsu.edu/about/administrativeoffices/academicssystemscatalogs/postings/postings>

3. Recognition of Deaths

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

Dr. Jerry G. Bode
Chairperson Emeritus and Associate Professor Emeritus of Sociology
Retired 2000
27 years of service

Frederick Bower
Assistant Professor of Art
16 years of service

4. Questions Directed to President Mearns

President Mearns explained he was out of the country during the last Senate meeting in October. In regards to the President Salary Proposal reviewed at that meeting, he will recuse himself from reviewing the proposal and allow the Provost to take action and direct it to the Board of Trustees if she decides.

The Board of Trustees will make a decision on the pending 1% raise for employees at their next meeting on December 13, 2019.

Commencement is coming up on December 14, 2019. There are approximately twelve hundred (1200) graduates. President Mearns encourages everyone to attend in support of the graduates.

President Mearns closed with wishing everyone a Happy Holidays!

5. Committee Reports

- A. Governance and Elections Committee – Laura Helms - Karen Kessler is on sabbatical this semester. Laura reports that the committee did not have any new business and did not meet in October 2019. Their next meeting is January 16, 2020.
- B. Faculty Council – Jon Truitt- Chair of Faculty Council- The council received a presentation on Outside Influence on Research and Academic Integrity by the Office of Research Integrity on November 7, 2019.
- C. University Council – Laura Helms - The council discussed the proposed governance restructured model and approved the Admissions and Credits Committee proposal to be reviewed today.
- D. Student Government Association – Aiden Medellin was not present. Carter Gallagher reported that the Student Government Association recently passed two resolutions.

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- The committee is meeting every week. They plan to hold open forums for feedback in the new year.
- C. Graduate Education Committee- Taught/with policy revision proposal- This item continues to be considered by the committee using the feedback provided. They also received a proposal from Bruce Frankel.
- D. Fee Remission Time-clock- Laura Helms – This item is still under discussion by the council.
- E. Admissions and Credits Section IV- Policy 86 Revisions- This item will be reviewed today.
- F. Student Government Association-ROTC Priority Scheduling- This item will be considered once the above Admissions and Credits Committee policy can be reviewed and voted on moving forward.
- G. Board of Trustee membership- Dr. Flowers has been working on building up the committee membership and continuing their work.
- H. Allegations of Research Misconduct Policy- This item will be reviewed today.
- I. Senate Restructuring Ad hoc Writing Committee- The committee continues their work.

7. Question and Answer Period:

There were no additional questions.

8. Unfinished Business:

There is no unfinished business at this time.

9. New Business:

- A. Policy for responding to Allegations of Research Misconduct- (Enclosure #2)- Sue McDowell, Grace Yoder and Chris Mangelli
Tarek provided background information.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal. Discussion ensued.

One opposed noted- Malcolm Cairns. No abstentions.

Motion carried.

As a follow up, Tarek Mahfouz is requesting that the Academic Freedom and Ethics Committee review and update the current policy in the Faculty and Professional Personnel Handbook with the assistance of the Office of Research Integrity.

- B. Admissions and Credits Committee- Priority Scheduling- Section IV-Policy 86 Revisions- (Enclosure #3)- Gloria Pavlik
Gloria provided background information referencing the enclosure provided.

A motion was made and seconded to approve this policy. Discussion ensued.
No opposed or abstentions noted.
Motion carried.

10. Other Items:

- A. Tarek Mahfouz spoke about the status of the budget model. College Deans are submitting budget information by January 2020. The coming year a platform will be provided to begin tracking the budget.

11. Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Helms , Secretary

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