

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE 2019-20 UNIVERSITY SENATE
February 27, 2020

Members Present: 53

Members Absent: 18

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. Airriess, L. Bielski, C. Chen, M. Clayton, B. Condie, C. DeBlasio, B. Frankel, J. Fry, K. Gayes, L. Helms, K. Heuett, T. Ho, J. Huff, K. Kessler, R. Kraus, A. Latz, S. Lee, L. Li, I. Livshits, C. Luchs, T. Mahfouz, C. Malone, M. McGriff, C. McIntosh, G. Mearns, K. Mesarosh, P. Nagelkirk, D. Nardi, J. Place, J. Plowdrey, R. Snow-Rice, S. Rivera-Mills, D. Roof, J. Shimkus, S. Smith, J. Sponseller, J. Tye, L. Wang, M. Watters, R. Wijesinghe, M. Wilson, R. Yantz

Substitutes: M. Stephenson for J. Hopwood, C. Jarrett for M. Kovach, S. Chung for A. Kuban, J. Erickson for C. Placek, D. Holmes for E. Lucas, K. Smith for M. McCarthy, K. Kreamelmeyer for S. Tancock, S. Campbell for J. Truitt, K. Lee for A. Yen

Members Absent: R. Bernot, C. Bohanon, C. Braden, M. Cairns, J. Christman, S. Fulton, C. Gallagher, L. Gerstein, R. Groeber, K. Hennessee, R. Kovac, S. Martin, A. Medellin, K. Reese, M. South, J. Thaller, E. Zygmunt

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of December 5, 2019.

Motion carried.

2. Announcements

- A. Next Scheduled Meetings

University Senate– Thursday, March 26, 2020, 4:00 p.m., Letterman Building (LB), Rm. 125
Senate Agenda Committee – Monday, March 16, 2020 (LB 104)

- B. 2019-2020 Posting 5 and 6- (Link and instructions below)

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS- Below is a link to the Posting.. 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/academicssystemscatalogspostings/postings>

When a posting notification is received by the University Senate office, an email to all Senators with the posting information will be sent automatically without additional approval.

- C. The Library Committee has submitted a written request asking for the Library Resolution item to be removed from the University Senate Gantt Chart. This has been voted on and approved by the Senate Agenda Committee on January 6, 2020.
- D. The University Senate meeting set for April 23, 2020 will be expected to take longer than one hour and to be prepared for a suspension of time.
- E. The College of Business will be creating two new centers conditional upon final approval by the Board of Trustees. One center is the Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute and will be led by Professor Mike Goldsby. The other will be the Institute for the Study of Political Economy and Professor Steve Horowitz will direct it.
- Stephen Ferris, Bryan Dean, Miller College of Business.
- F. Midterm grade submission- Deadline for midterm grade submission is tomorrow, February 28, 2020. For students with a C- or below, these grades have to be submitted. Tarek Mahfouz did confirm with the Provost that there will not be a penalty if grades are not submitted by tomorrow, but everyone is encouraged to make their best efforts.

3. Recognition of Deaths

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

Dr. Grant Wells
Professor Emeritus of Finance
Retired 2001
35 years of service

4. Questions Directed to President Mearns

President Mearns spoke about three items of business including the following subjects;

1. He and the Provost have been out on campus visiting different areas and having good conversations and participation.
2. At this time last year, the fiscal year end projections were not positive but at this time, the university is anticipating a modest year end positive margin. The hope is to return to providing a 2% re-occurring compensation raise each year.
3. Coronavirus- The University is actively working on a contingency plan to be better prepared.

Questions directed to President Mearns included the following;

1. Late approval of faculty searches has compressed the search procedure, decreasing the pool. The Provost intends to work with Alan Finn, Vice President for Business Affairs and Treasurer to start earlier next year and conduct "out of cycle" hires as necessary.
2. With the upcoming Spring Break, should any other actions be taken when the students return?

5. Committee Reports

A. Governance and Elections Committee – Karen Kessler (Attached PDF- Senate First Reading Draft)- Today the first reading is presented. A second reading will be provided at the March 26, 2020 meeting and a final reading and vote at the meeting on April 23, 2020. Three readings has to be completed followed with a final vote in the University Senate and then a University wide vote with two-thirds approval. The University Senate approval is a majority vote- majority of the quorum and those present. Any responses, suggestions, etc. can be directed to either Karen Kessler or Bethany Allen for collection. Forums for discussion will be set up soon at different times and days.

A motion is made and seconded to consider this the first read of the updated constitution.

None opposed. No abstentions noted.

Motion carried.

B. Faculty Council – Connie McIntosh- Vice Chair- We will hear about the Undergraduate Education Committee Suspension and Elimination of Programs proposal and the University Promotion and Tenure Committee document revisions today.

C. University Council – Laura Helms- The council did not have any new business and will be meeting next on March 12, 2020.

D. Student Government Association – Cameron DeBlasio- The association held and completed their elections on February 25, 2020. The newly elected slate will start in the next month. Connor Sanburn has been elected as the new Student Government Association President, Jordynn Blythe as Vice President, Gina Esposito as Secretary, Amanda Mustaklem as Treasurer and Dylan Lewandowski as President pro tempore. The Inauguration is set for April 15, 2020. The Greek Life Zero Tolerance policy was officially considered by the Senate Agenda Committee on February 17, 2020 and was moved forward to Student Affairs and the Dean of Students for discussion facilitated by University Senate Chair, Tarek Mahfouz.

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. Core Curriculum Revision- the University Core Curriculum Committee is still developing this item. It should be made clear that this proposal is strictly about the framework and not about populating the core curriculum classes.
- B. Graduate Education Committee- Taught/with policy revision proposal- The committee is working on revisions. Bruce Frankel intends to have the Senate Agenda Committee review his proposal because the Graduate Education Committee has not yet invited him to speak about his proposal.
- C. University Promotion and Tenure Document revisions- This item will be discussed today.
- D. Non-tenure-line Reconsideration Policy- This item will be discussed at Faculty Council on March 19, 2020.
- E. Board of Trustee membership- Bruce Frankel- They do have a resolution ready to be submitted soon.
- F. Undergraduate Education Committee- Suspension and Elimination of Academic Programs - This item will be discussed today.

- G. Undergraduate Education Committee- BA/BS Program Distinctions- This item was reviewed by the Senate Agenda Committee on February 17, 2020 and sent back for additional information. The committee has determined they will be reviewing it further later in the year due to other pressing matters.
- H. Senate Restructuring Ad hoc Writing Committee- We have already heard an update on this item under the Governance and Elections Committee report.

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. Undergraduate Education Committee- Suspension and Elimination of Academic Programs -

(Enclosure #2)- Dan Waechter. This item was voted on and approved by Faculty Council on January 23, 2020.

****At Faculty Council, it was agreed that the word "ideally" would be removed from the second sentence under Procedures, number two (2), letter e.***

Tarek Mahfouz provided background information about this proposal. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made and seconded to approve this item.

No one opposed. No abstentions noted.

Motion carried.

- B. University Promotion and Tenure Committee-Document revisions- (Enclosure #3 and attached PDF's - 1. University PT Document and 3. Summary of Changes)- Murray Steib.
This item was voted on and approved by Faculty Council on January 23, 2020.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the University Promotion and Tenure Committee document revisions.

No one opposed. No abstentions noted.

Motion carried.

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

11. Adjournment:
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 04:57 p.m.
Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Helms, Secretary

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