

Resolution Amending Membership on Board of Trustees

WHEREAS in an October 2018 poll of all full-time faculty at BSU, 96% of (n=495) respondents supported “the addition to the Ball State University Board of Trustees of a full-time BSU faculty member as a voting trustee,” and

WHEREAS faculty are the prime producers of our educational, research, and service missions and, in the main serve the longest, and thus accord their perspective, and notwithstanding their devotion to a fiduciary responsibility to the institution and its sponsors, and

WHEREAS a resolution of said support passed both Faculty Council and the Senate, and

WHEREAS in a January 2020 poll of professional and staff personnel at BSU, 95% of (n=657) respondents supported “the addition to the Ball State University Board of Trustees of a full-time, non-faculty BSU employee as a voting trustee,” and

WHEREAS professional personnel and staff personnel provide a perspective on the viability, effectiveness, and efficiency of policies and programs that run the University, and notwithstanding their devotion to a fiduciary responsibility to the institution and its sponsors, and

WHEREAS with two added appointments to the Board of Trustees, there would remain an odd number of trustees, fostering majority rule, and raising the Board’s membership from nine [9] to eleven [11], and

WHEREAS the Senate ad hoc Committee on Faculty and Staff Representation on the Board of Trustees has submitted to the Senate its preliminary report awaiting a meeting with the Board of Trustees on such matters as preferred method of appointment and collaboration with other Indiana state universities on this matter, and to report again to the Senate for a final resolution with such details.

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the Senate supports amending Indiana Code (IC 21-19-3-2) and the Ball State University Board of Trustees Bylaws:

1. To add one Ball State University Board of Trustees voting member who is a full-time BSU faculty member to serve for a standard four-year term;
2. To add one Ball State University Board of Trustees voting member who is a full-time BSU professional personnel or staff personnel and not a member of a collective bargaining unit to serve on the Board as a voting member for a standard four-year term;
3. The Senate ad hoc Committee shall report back to the Senate on the specifics of additional matters, and pending a second resolution incorporating the same, the Senate shall be presented with another opportunity to resolve this matter.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2020

Tarek Mahfouz, Chairperson

Bethany Allen, Executive Secretary