

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE 2019-20 UNIVERSITY SENATE
March 26, 2020

Members Present: 51

Members Absent: 20

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair of the University Senate, Tarek Mahfouz, at 4:00 p.m.

Rules for the meeting were explained by Tarek Mahfouz. Substitutions were announced and noted.

Members Present: R. Bernot, L. Bielski, C. Braden, C. Chen, J. Christman, M. Clayton, B. Condie, B. Frankel, J. Fry, S. Fulton, K. Gayes, L. Gerstein, L. Helms, K. Hennessee, K. Heuett, J. Huff, K. Kessler, C. Kinsella, M. Kovach, R. Kraus, A. Kuban, A. Latz, S. Lee, C. Placek, D. Lewandowski, L. Li, E. Lucas, C. Luchs, T. Mahfouz, C. Malone, M. McCarthy, M. McGriff, C. McIntosh, A. Medellin, K. Mesarosh, P. Nagelkirk, D. Nardi, J. Plowdrey, S. Rivera-Mills, J. Shimkus, S. Smith, J. Sponseller, J. Truitt, J. Tye, M. Watters, R. Wijesinghe, S. Wilczynski, M. Wilson, R. Yantz

Substitutes: T. Carter for R. Rice-Snow, K. Kreamelmeyer for S. Tancock

Members Absent: C. Airriess, C. Bohanon, M. Cairns, C. DeBlasio, C. Gallagher, R. Groeber, T. Ho, J. Hopwood, R. Kovac, I. Livshits, S. Martin, G. Mearns, J. Place, K. Reese, D. Roof, M. South, J. Thaller, L. Wang, A. Yen, E. Zygmunt

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of February 27, 2020.

Motion carried.

2. Announcements

- A. Next Scheduled Meetings

University Senate– Thursday, April 23, 2020, 4:00 p.m., Webex

Senate Agenda Committee – Monday, April 13, 2020, 2:00 p.m., Webex

- B. 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.

3. Recognition of Deaths

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

Morry Mannies

Assistant Professor of Speech and Director of Speech Education (1968-1975)

Voice of the Cardinals

Retired 2011

4. Questions Directed to President Mearns

Provost Susana Rivera-Mills was available by phone. The following inquiries were made:

- Commencement- do we have a revised plan yet? Should have a decision within the next 7-10 days.
- Enrollment for Fall 2020? It is still too early to know how the Coronavirus will affect enrollment.
- What steps is admissions taking to engage potential students? They are reaching out virtually, with phone calls and online conferences.
- Junior faculty are concerned about how the loss of research due to the Coronavirus might affect the process of tenure and promotion. There is a group gathering information now to determine the best way to move forward on this subject.
- As of right now, the date for return to campus is April 6, 2020. The university is in communication with the Governor's office and local Health Department. Updates will be communicated.
- One Ball State Day? As of this time, plan is to still hold this event as scheduled on April 7, 2020.
- Are there any needs for students or families that we can meet? The university continues to house approximately 108 students on campus following the social distancing guidelines. They are receiving health services, counseling and any other supportive services needed.
- Provost Rivera-Mills is very proud of our campus community, the faculty's innovative and creative ways of continuing to engage students, support to the local hospital and services to meet the community's needs. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. Tarek Mahfouz thanked the administration in return.

5. Committee Reports

- A. Governance and Elections Committee – Karen Kessler- I will provide more information under unfinished business. She will be reaching out to all Senators to help engage their departments in the voting process on the new constitution with the goal of getting two-thirds (2/3) of the people to vote.
- B. Faculty Council – Jon Truitt- The council heard committee reports at the meeting on March 19, 2020. The Non-Tenure-Line Committee presented a reconsideration proposal that was approved by the Faculty Council. This proposal will be provided to the Senate Agenda Committee for consideration on April 13, 2020.
- C. University Council – Laura Helms- The council will be meeting on April 2, 2020 by WebEx.
- D. Student Government Association – Aiden Medellin – The association is working on in-house items, such as the governing documents. They are meeting by WebEx. There is no new legislation for consideration at this time. They have two more week for possible legislation work.

6. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Tarek Mahfouz – Gantt chart (Enclosure #1) - 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- This item remains with the committee. They are determining the best way to move forward given the current circumstances. They cannot hold forums. Tarek Mahfouz and Jon Truitt have been asked by the Provost to present information to the Academic Leadership team.
- B. Graduate Education Committee- Taught/with policy revision proposal- This item was considered at Faculty Council on March 19, 2020. The Graduate Education Committee are currently working on the proposal and the language previously provided by Bruce Frankel. They do plan to present new language. At Faculty Council on March 19, 2020, Bruce Frankel's Motion was voted on and tabled to allow the Graduate Education Committee to complete their work.
- C. Non-tenure-line Reconsideration Policy- This item was approved by Faculty Council on March 19, 2020. It will be provided to the Senate Agenda Committee for consideration on April 13, 2020.
- D. Master Planning & Facilities Proposal- The University Council will consider this proposal at their next meeting on April 2, 2020.
- E. Board of Trustee membership Ad hoc- We will consider this item today.
- F. Undergraduate Education Committee- BA/BS Program Distinctions- There is no new information on this item.
- G. Senate Restructuring Ad hoc Writing Committee- We will consider this item today.

7. Question and Answer Period:

There were no additional questions.

8. Unfinished Business:

- A. Board of Trustee Membership Ad hoc- (Attached PDF- Resolution Amending Members on Board of Trustees and Preliminary Report Faculty Staff on BoT)- Jim Flowers and Bruce Frankel

A motion was made by Bruce Frankel to open this item for discussion. Karen Kessler seconded. Jim Flower provided background information on this proposal. Bruce Frankel explained and referenced the attachments.

Discussion ensued, including but not limited to the following topics;

- Should administration and the Board of Trustees be approached for their support
- Should other universities be approached in regards to a possible formation of a coalition
- There are different sections of the Indiana Code- every university is different
- Forming a coalition could take upwards of a year to complete

A motion was made and seconded to approve this proposal and send it forward, to meet with the administration and the Board of Trustees to gauge their support.

A vote was taken by the Senators providing a Yes or No in the chat feature of the WebEx. The following final tally was taken: thirty-one (31) Yes, thirteen (13) No and one (1) abstention.

Motion carried.

C. Senate Restructuring Adhoc Committee- New Constitution- (Attached PDF- Senate Second Reading Draft)- Karen Kessler.

Karen explained that the attached document was the same as the first document provided for the first reading on February 27, 2020. Karen agreed to provide the updated 2nd Reading document by Monday March 30, 2020 to be emailed to all Senators for review with the deadline of April 10, 2020 at 5pm for any feedback. The third and final reading of the document will occur at the University Senate meeting set for April 23, 2020.

A motion was made and seconded to consider today the second reading of the constitution.

A vote was taken by the Senators providing a Yes or No in the chat feature of the WebEx. The following final tally was taken: forty-three (43) Yes, two (2) No and one (1) abstention.

Motion carried.

9. New Business: There is no new business at this time.

10. Other Items:

11. Adjournment:

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

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Helms, Secretary

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