

I am returning this resolution to the Senate for further consideration and revision for several reasons.

First, the Senate should consider whether the governing statute should be amended to add two additional representatives – a full-time faculty member **and** a full-time staff or professional administrator. While the faculty play a very important role in achieving our mission, our staff and professional administrators also play a very important role. And if the rationale for the current resolution is to ensure that the Board has representation from and receives the informed perspective from all constituencies, President Mearns and I believe that our staff and professional administrators should be respected and heard.

Second, and on a related note, if the governing statute is amended to add only one additional member, then the Board would consist of 10 members. It would be ill advised to have a governing board with an even number of members.

Third, President Mearns and I believe that the only possible way to persuade the General Assembly to amend the governing statute for our University is if the General Assembly were persuaded to make a comparable amendment to the governing statutes for all of the other public universities in Indiana. Therefore, we urge the Senate to seek similar resolutions from the comparable governance bodies at the other Indiana public universities.

Fourth, and finally, the President and I recommend that you directly contact the Governor's office and the leadership in the General Assembly to urge your elected representatives to support the necessary amendments to the governing statutes.

Respectfully,

Susana Rivera-Mills
Provost

University Senate Action

Title of Action passed by University Senate:

Resolution Amending Membership on Board of Trustees

SECTION I (to be completed by Chair of University Senate)

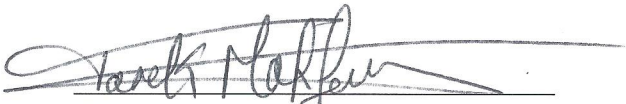
Motion (attach motion on separate page; if revision of existing policy, please note revisions)

Is this action transmitted for action ☒ or for information ☐ ? (Check one)

Does this matter involve formation of educational policy? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, circle the matter listed below and found in 1.1 of the Constitution of the University Senate to which it pertains:

- 1.11 Standards for admission, selection, and retention of students;
- 1.12 Curricular requirements;
- 1.13 Institutional standards;
- 1.14 Requirements for granting of degrees;
- 1.15 Standards of academic freedom and professional responsibility.

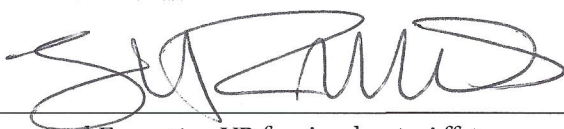

Chair, University Senate

3/27/2019
Date

SECTION II (to be completed by Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs)

- ☐ Recommend presidential approval
- ☐ Recommend presidential approval pending further analysis (see "Comments" below)
- ☐ Review and take under advisement for further consideration; no further action recommended at this time
- ☐ Return to Senate for revision
- ☒ Other - *see attached*

Comments:


Provost and Executive VP for Academic Affairs

4/10/2019
Date

SECTION III (to be completed by appropriate Cabinet member(s))

Does this action require investment of resources? _____ Yes _____ No

If the action requires new resources, describe the plan for financing the action:

Vice-Presidential Level Action (if applicable):

- _____ Recommend presidential approval
- _____ Recommend presidential approval pending further analysis (see "Comments" below)
- _____ Review and take under advisement for further consideration; no further action recommended at this time
- _____ Return to Senate for revision
- _____ Other

Comments:

Signature(s)

Date

Vice Presidential Area: PLEASE RETURN TO THE PROVOST'S OFFICE

SECTION IV (to be completed by the President)

President Action:

- _____ Approved; seek Board of Trustee approval
- _____ Approved; does not require Board of Trustee approval
- _____ Taken under advisement for further consideration (see "Comments" below)
- _____ No further action required at this time
- _____ Return to Senate for revision

TO BECOME EFFECTIVE:

- _____ *Immediately (after Board of Trustees Approval, if necessary)*
Update on-line handbook immediately
- _____ *At the Fall implementation of handbook*
- _____ *Other*

Comments:

Geoffrey S. Mearns
University President

Date

SECTION V

Follow-up:

Revision to Handbook for Faculty and Professional Personnel (if applicable):

Date

Copies sent to: Cabinet
Chair, University Senate
Undersecretary, University Senate

Resolution Amending Membership on Board of Trustees

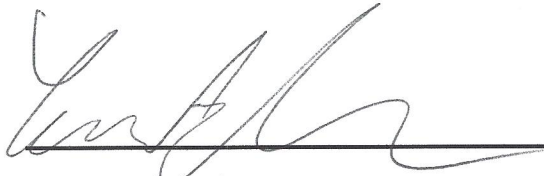
WHEREAS, an October 2018 poll of all full-time faculty at BSU approved of a representative from the full-time faculty on the Board of Trustees by over 96%, and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that the Faculty Council supports the following amendment to IC 21-19-3-2 Board of Trustees; *Membership*:

1. To add one member by and from full-time faculty to serve on the Board as a voting member for a four-year term [reference subsection 3-8 Terms]
2. Refer this Faculty Council resolved matter to the University Senate, President, Board and State Assembly for their consideration and positive action.

PASSED this 24 day of January, 2019



Yaron Ayalon, Chairperson



Rachel Kraus, Executive Secretary