

# ***AGENDA FOR UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING***

*(Meeting #3, 2020-21)*

***December 3, 2020***

***4:00 p.m.***

***WebEx/Zoom Online Conference***

Approval of the Minutes of October 29, 2020.

I. Announcements

A. Next Scheduled Meetings

University Senate – Thursday, January 21, 2021, 4:00 p.m., WebEx/Zoom Online Conference meeting

Senate Agenda Committee – Monday, January 11, 2021, 2:00 p.m., WebEx/Zoom Online Conference meeting

II. Recognition of Deaths

Dr. Craig O'Hara  
Associate Teaching Professor  
Department of English  
Served since 2008

III. Questions Directed to President Mearns

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Governance and Elections Committee – Suzy Smith, Chairperson
- B. Faculty Council – Jon Truitt, Chairperson
- C. Professional Personnel Council – Sam Snideman, Chairperson
- D. Student Government Association- Connor Sanburn/Dylan Lewandowski

V. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Tarek Mahfouz – GANTT chart (Enclosure #1 - Issues in the Senate System)

VI. Question and Answer Period

VII. Unfinished Business

VIII. New Business

- A. Student Government Association- SR 01-20:21 - Vote Center Model- (Enclosure #2)- James Wells/Dylan Lewandowski

IX. Other Items

X. Adjournment

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MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE 2020-21 UNIVERSITY SENATE  
OCTOBER 29, 2020

Members Present: 39

Members Absent: 7

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

There were no substitutions announced.

Members Present: J. Blyth, N. Bogart, C. Bohanon, C. Braden, M. Carter, K. Chipman, M. Clayton, K. Coker, C. Dailey, O. Frausto, S. Fulton, K. Gayes, L. Gerstein, J. Hopwood, M. Kovach, S. Lee, D. Lewandowski, T. Mahfouz, S. Martin, M. McCarthy, C. McIntosh, N. Perera, J. Place, V. Rapatz, S. Rivera -Mills, C. Sanburn, N. Seely, C. Shue, J. Shimkus, S. Smith, S. Snideman, J. Sponseller, A. Stefanski, J. Truitt, J. Tye, D. Wheeler, D. Whitton, S. Wilczynski, R. Yantz

Substitutes: N/A

Members Absent: V. Birk, K. Hennessee, K. Kessler, E. Lucas, M. McGriff, G. Mearns, K. Reese, M. Watters

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of September 17, 2020.

Motion carried.

2. Announcements

- A. Next Scheduled Meetings

University Senate– Thursday, December 3, 2020, 4:00 p.m., WebEx

Senate Agenda Committee – Monday, November 16, 2020, 2:00 p.m., WebEx

- B. Approval of Credit Overlap Policy - (Enclosure #1)- On October 8, 2020, Faculty Council voted on and approved a Credit Overlap Policy proposed by the Undergraduate Education Committee. This Faculty Council action will be forward to the administration for consideration.

3. Recognition of Deaths

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

Diane M Williams  
Director of Budgeting- Finance Office  
27 years of service

4. Questions Directed to President Mearns-

Provost Susana Rivera-Mills was present to answer questions. A short discussion ensued sharing the following concerns/topics but not limited to:

1. Administration has been sharing information on how to include the upcoming election and the importance of voting in class with students.
  2. The Ball State University Police Department and Muncie Police Department are working to ensure safety throughout the process.
  3. The University will provide support to students as needed.
  4. The Provost, President Mearns and a Renae Conley of the Board of Trustees recently met with the Ad hoc Committee to discuss the proposal on adding a faculty member to the Board of Trustees. Renae will take the information back to the complete Board.
  5. In preparation of post-Thanksgiving, an email will be shared with the Deans and departments giving guidance for the remainder of the fall term.
  6. Beneficence Days- four additional days this holiday season, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, will be given to all employees.

7. Planning for spring term continues including discussions with the Student Government Association and the integration of three (3) study days.
8. There is some discussion around requirements for students to provide COVID testing prior to returning to campus in the Spring. Challenges that students may face have been considered and communications will be shared with the students regarding testing availability.
9. The disproportionate effect of COVID on female faculty remains a point of discussion with administration. Faculty Council Chair Jon Truitt shared a helpful article with the Provost. The link is below.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/06/science/covid-universitieswomen.html?referringSource=articleShare>

5. Committee Reports

- A. Governance and Elections Committee – Suzy Smith- The meeting was cancelled for today. The committee will be sending out a charge to all committees soon.
- B. Faculty Council – Jon Truitt- The council approved the Credit Overlap Policy proposed by the Undergraduate Education Committee. Committee work is beginning but there is no new business at the council level currently.
- C. Professional Personnel Council – Sam Snideman- The council met briefly on October 15, 2020 to discuss outstanding Professional Personnel Council appointments to committees. Committee work is beginning but there is no new business at the council level currently.
- D. Student Government Association – Connor Sanburn/Dylan Lewandowski- Dylan- There will be a proposal coming to the Senate Agenda Committee for consideration soon. They currently have over fifty (50) senators participating in the Student Government Association. They are very satisfied with student interest.

6. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Tarek Mahfouz – Gantt chart (Enclosure #2) - Issues in the Senate System

Tarek Mahfouz reviewed each item briefly, highlighting the current location and ongoing nature of each. These items included:

1. Core Curriculum Revision- The Core Curriculum Committee will be meeting with the Academic Leadership Group on November 4, 2020. Sessions with colleges and town halls will be coming up in the spring of 2021.
2. Graduate Education Committee- Taught/with policy revision- This item remains under review with the Graduate Education Committee.
3. Board of Trustee Membership Ad hoc- We have been provided an update from the Provost.
4. UEC- BA/BS Program Distinctions- This item remains under review with the Undergraduate Education Committee.
5. UEC- Credit for Prior Learning- This item remains under review with the Undergraduate Education Committee.
6. UEC- Overlap Policy- This item was approved by the Faculty Council on October 8, 2020 and was made an announcement today.
7. Dissolution of Parking Subcommittee- This item will be reviewed today.

7. Question and Answer Period:

There were no additional questions.

8. Unfinished Business: There is no unfinished business currently.

9. New Business:

- A. Dissolution of the Parking subcommittee- (Enclosure #3)- University Police Department Chief Jim Duckham  
Chief Duckham- For the past two years this committee has met and determined that any items can be addressed under the Public Safety Committee or University Traffic Appeals subcommittee. They are asking that the Parking subcommittee be dissolved. Tarek Mahfouz reviewed the responsibilities listed in the Faculty and Professional Personnel Handbook.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the dissolution of the Parking subcommittee and remove it from the Faculty and Professional Personnel Handbook.  
No nays noted. No abstentions noted.

Motion carried.

10. Other Items: There are no other items currently.
11. Adjournment:  
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 4:34 p.m.  
Motion carried


Respectfully Submitted,

Connie McIntosh, Secretary

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### Issues in the Senate System, 2020-21 (11.30.20)

FACULTY COUNCIL				10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
Issues	Committee	Start	End										
Core Curriculum Revision	To FC	03.21.19											
	Tabled to FC Sent to UCC	04.18.19											
GEC- Taught/with 101.4 FPPH changes  B. Frankel- Motion	To SAC	08.19.19											
	To FC (tabled)	09.05.19											
	FC	10.10.19											
	To GEC & FC?	11.07.19											
	SAC	03.16.19											
	FC	03.19.20											
	Tabled												
PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL COUNCIL				10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
Issues	Committee	Start	End										
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION				10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
Issues	Committee	Start	End										
SENATE AGENDA				10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
Issues	Committee	Start	End										
Board of Trustee Membership Ad hoc	Senate	08.29.19											
	SAC	09.23.19											
	Senate	10.03.19											
	SAC	03.16.20											
	Senate	03.26.20											
UEC- BA/BS Program Distinctions	SAC	01.06.20											
	To UEC												
UEC-Credit for Prior Learning	SAC	08.17.20											
	To UEC												
SGA- SR 01-20-Vote Center Model	SAC	11.16.20											
	Senate	12.03.20											
GOVERNANCE & ELECTIONS				10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
Issues	Committee	Start	End										
Charge to all Committees	G&E	10.29.20											

<u>Student</u>	<u>Senate</u>	<u>SR 01-20:21</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Date</u>
			1 <sup>st</sup> Reading – Agenda:	09/14/2020
			2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading – Senate:	09/16/2020
			Committee Report:	5-0-0
			3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading – Senate:	
			Y 41 /N 1 /A 4	
	Vote Tally			

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 Trent McKenzie, *Governmental Affairs and Community Advancement Secretary*  
 Matt Hustel, *At-Large Caucus Senator*  
 Austen Everman, *At-Large Caucus Senator*  
 David Apple, *Organizational Caucus Senator*  
 Nita Burton, *At-Large Caucus Senator*

Endorsed By: Connor Sanburn, *President*  
 Dylan Lewandowski, *President Pro Tempore*  
 Chase Braden, *Parliamentarian*

### TITLE

#### **A Resolution Calling for Delaware County to Adopt the Vote Center Model of Voting**

Summary: A Resolution Calling for Delaware County to Adopt the Voter Center Model of Voting to expand voter access and provide better flexibility for voting on Election Day.

Whereas: Voting is the foundation of a democratic society by which members of the electorate make collective decisions or expressed opinions; and

Whereas: “In 2011, the Indiana General Assembly passed Senate Enrolled Act 32 and House Enrolled Act 1242. The Governor signed both pieces of legislation, making vote centers an option for any Indiana county;”<sup>1</sup> and

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<sup>1</sup> Vote Center Information. (n.d.). Retrieved September 09, 2020, from <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/4529.htm>

Whereas: “A vote center is a polling place where any eligible voter in the county may go to vote;”<sup>1</sup> and

Whereas: “The vote center model gives voters more flexibility on Election Day because they are not constrained to a specific polling location;”<sup>1</sup> and

Whereas: “Vote centers are connected through secure internet connections, and as ballots are cast, an electronic poll book is instantaneously updated;”<sup>1</sup> and

Whereas: A 2010 study done by the Ball State University’s Bowen Center for Public Affairs found that Voter Centers save Counties who have implemented Vote Centers, money<sup>2</sup>; and

Whereas: Forty-five (45) out of Indiana’s Ninety-Two (92) counties have implemented Voter Centers since 2011.

Therefore, be it Resolved That: The Ball State University Student Government supports and calls on Delaware County to adopt the Vote Center Model for the county.

Therefore, be it Further Resolved That: The Secretary of University Governance and President Pro Tempore are charged with delivering a copy of this resolution to University Senate to lobby for its support of the resolution.

Therefore, be it Further Resolved That: The President and Secretary of University Governance are charged with transmitting a copy of this resolution to the proper Delaware County officials.

President of the Senate

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SGA President

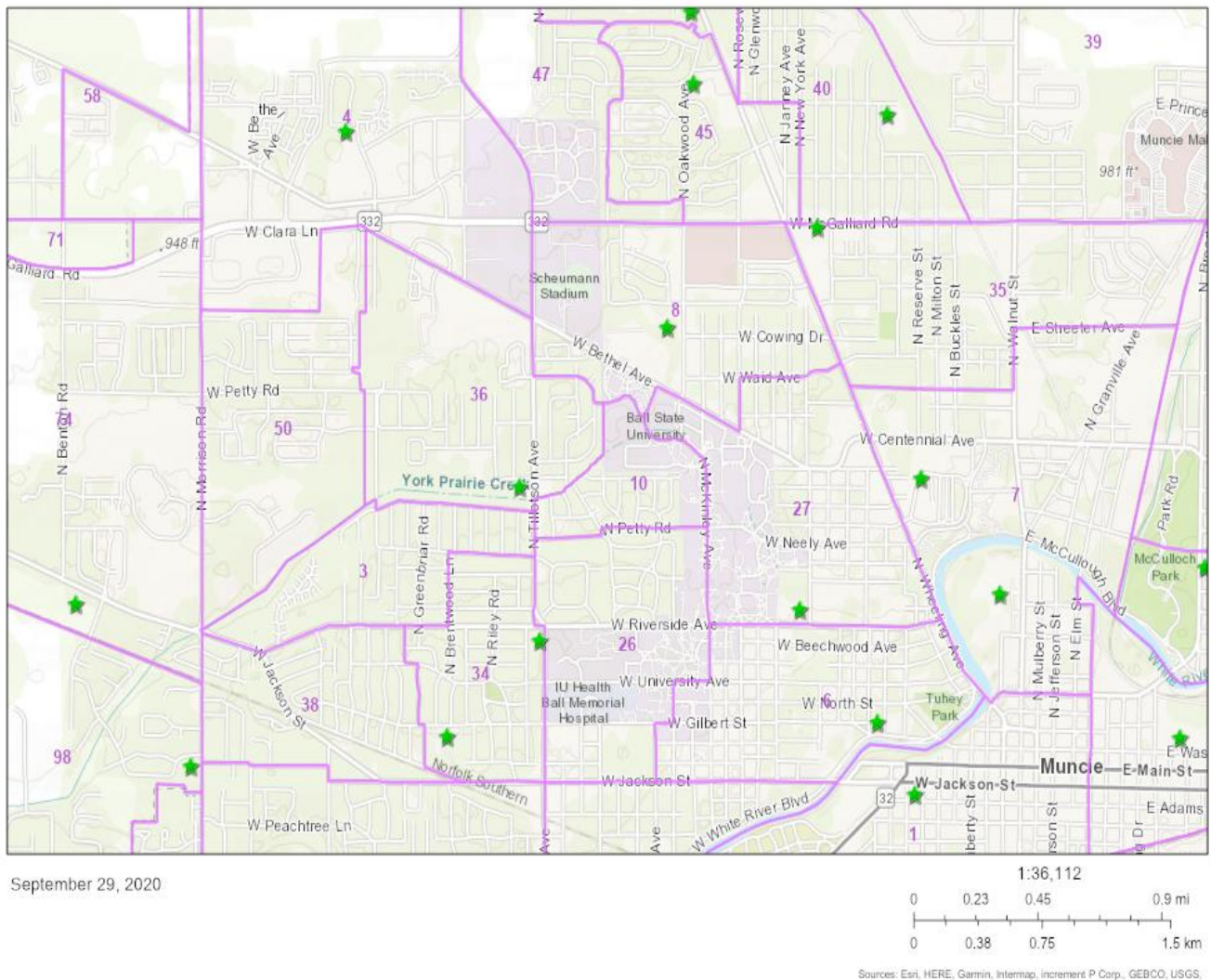
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<sup>2</sup> Bowen Center. (n.d.). Retrieved September 29, 2020, from <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/BowenCenter.pdf>

# Supplemental Information

## Delaware County Voting Precincts 2020 General Election



\*Purple lines are precinct boundaries

\*Green stars represent 2020 General Election Polling location