

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE 2020-21 UNIVERSITY SENATE  
April 22, 2021

Members Present: 34

Members Absent: 15

1. The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair of the University Senate, Suzy Smith, at 4:01 p.m.

Substitutions were asked to email Bethany Allen for record keeping purposes.

Both 2020-21 Senate members and 2021-22 Senate members were invited to attend today's meeting.

Members Present: V. Birk, C. Bohanon, A. Bowen, C. Braden, M. Carter, K. Chipman, M. Clayton, K. Coker, C. Dailey, O. Frausto, S. Fulton, K. Gayes, K. Hennessee, M. Kovach, S. Lee, E. Lucas, T. Mahfouz, C. McIntosh, G. Mearns, C. Montenegro, V. Rapatz, S. Rivera-Mills, N. Seely, C. Shue, J. Shimkus, S. Smith, S. Snideman, J. Sponseller, A. Stefanski, J. Truitt, J. Tye, D. Wheeler, S. Wilczynski

2021-2022 Members Present: M. Tschopp, T. Nguyen, L. Taylor, D. Odom, C. Biddle

Substitutes: K. Smith for M. McCarthy

Members Absent: J. Blyth, N. Bogart, L. Gerstein, J. Hopwood, K. Kessler, D. Lewandowski, S. Martin, M. McGriff, N. Perera, J. Place, K. Reese, C. Sanburn, M. Watters, R. Yantz

Guests: H. Wang, M. Vercellotti, A. Yen, S. Reinke, J. Jarrett, S. McDowell, C. Mangelli, J. Buckrop, K. McBride

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 25, 2021.

No nays noted. No abstentions noted.

Motion carried.

2. Announcements

- A. Next Scheduled Meetings

University Senate – Thursday, August 26, 2021, 4:00 p.m., WebEx/Zoom

Senate Agenda Committee – Monday, August 16, 2021, 2:00 p.m., WebEx/Zoom

- B. 2021-2022 University Governance Schedule of Meetings (Enclosure #1)
- C. Reduction of Core Curriculum from thirty-six (36) credit hours to thirty (30) credit hours. (Enclosure #2)- The Faculty Council approved the reduction of the core curriculum on March 21, 2019. The University Core Curriculum Sub Committee made a report to the Faculty Council on April 15, 2021. Those recommendations will be provided to the Provost and President for their consideration.
- D. University Promotion and Tenure Committee-Editorial Changes- Henry Wang (Enclosure #3 and attachment titled; University P&T Document 2021-22)  
This item was voted on and approved by Faculty Council on March 18, 2021.
- E. University Promotion and Tenure Committee- Joint Appointment Statement in Faculty Handbook- Henry Wang (Enclosure #4 and attachments titled; Joint Appointments Task Force Report, Miami University Joint Faculty Guidelines, The College of William and Mary1). This item was voted on and approved at Faculty Council on March 18, 2021.
- F. Election of the 2021-22 Executive Committee members for University Senate, Senate Agenda Committee will occur at the first meeting of the governance year on August 26, 2021. This information as shared.
- G. Special Assigned Leave- Quality Assurance Proposal- Mary Lou Vercellotti (Enclosure #5)  
This item was voted on and approved at Faculty Council on April 15, 2021.
- H. Special Assigned Leave- Appeal Process Proposal- Mary Lou Vercellotti (Enclosure #6)  
This item was voted on and approved at Faculty Council on April 15, 2021.
- I. Teaching Evaluation Committee-Ex officio membership Proposal- Mary Lou Vercellotti (Enclosure #7)  
This item was voted on and approved at Faculty Council on April 15, 2021.

- J. Faculty Salary & Benefits Committee/ Professional Personnel Salary & Benefits Committee Joint Proposal- Alan Yen & Jim Shimkus (Enclosure #8)  
This item was voted on and approved at Faculty Council on April 15, 2021.
- K. University Core Curriculum Subcommittee Structure Proposal- Jennifer Wessels & Sheron Fraser-Burgess (Enclosure#9)  
This item was voted on and approved at Faculty Council on April 15, 2021.
- L. Handbook Language Regarding Unit Electorate Votes- Tenure-Line Faculty of the Department of Theatre & Dance Karen Kessler (Enclosure #10)  
This item was voted on and approved at Faculty Council on April 15, 2021.
- M. Academic Technology Committee- Membership Proposal- Scott Reinke (Enclosure #11)  
This item was voted on and approved at Faculty Council on April 15, 2021.
- N. Veterans' Affairs Legislation Statement- Jayson Jarrett (Enclosure #12)  
This item was voted on and approved at Faculty Council on April 15, 2021.

### 3. Recognition of Deaths

Lee Spector  
Professor Emeritus of Economics  
Retired 2020  
35 years of service

Leonard J.A. Atherton  
Professor Emeritus of Music Performance  
Retired 2013  
31 years of service

Kenneth Heinen  
Assistant Professor Emeritus of Journalism  
Retired 2013  
14 Years of Service

Herold D Jemison  
Small Business Advisor – East Central Indiana/Small Business Development Center  
Office of Community Engagement  
In his first year of service

### 4. Questions Directed to President Mearns

President Mearns shared a few updates with everyone including but not limited to the following topics and information:

- In regards to the state budget ending in June, we have a modest operating surplus.
- A budget update will be provided after the next Board of Trustees meeting on May 7, 2021.
- The Indiana General Assembly will restore our previous budget.
- We were successful in requesting they not use the previously used model for funding. This could have reduced our funding by 1.4 million dollars.
- Projections for freshman 2021 confirmed enrollment is comparable to last year, we have not fully recovered.
- The University is working very hard to make touring campus available for new students.
- The next hot topic is the discussion and decision about tuition rate increases.
- Our tuition rates have been at or below the commissions rate recommendations.
- We will know more about tuition rate increase around the middle of May 2021. Information will be shared when available.
- There is a public hearing June 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> regarding rate increase numbers.
- We should be able to balance a budget for next year without experiencing reductions.
- The most recent Indiana tax revenue forecast was very good, projecting an increase over the next two years.
- The Indiana Governor and Indiana Assembly has decided to invest the tax revenue in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- The third annual One Ball State Day was a great success, totally nearly \$780,000 and over 9000 gifts.
- Thanked everyone for their participation and promotion of the One Ball State Day, a reflection of our students, faculty, and staff's dedication to our university.
- Upcoming commencement weekends over the next two weekends.

### 5. Committee Reports

- A. Governance and Elections Committee – Suzy Smith- Many of the announcements today are a result of the charge made to all committees to consider their membership and responsibilities moving forward.
- B. Faculty Council – Jon Truitt- Faculty Council reviewed and approved several of the items that were announced today. The election of the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary were tabled until fall 2021.
- C. Professional Personnel Council – Sam Snideman- The council met on April 1, 2021 to receive reports and approve minutes. Their business has been concluded for this governance year. Sam is appreciative for his colleagues and their work.

D. Student Government Association – Connor Sanburn/Dylan Lewandowski- Tina Nguyen- The newest President of the Student Government Association was present. Tina introduced herself along with Davis Odom. They were both inaugurated yesterday, April 21, 2021.

6. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Suzy Smith – Gantt chart (Enclosure #1) - Issues in the Senate System  
Suzy Smith reviewed each item briefly, highlighting the current location and ongoing nature of each. These items included:
- A. Core Curriculum Revision- The Core Curriculum Committee – This was discussed as part of the announcements.
  - B. Undergraduate Education Committee- BA/BS Program Distinctions- No new information to report.
  - C. Undergraduate Education Committee- Credit for Prior Learning- No new information to report.
  - D. University Promotion & Tenure - Document Editorial- 22, 2021. - This was discussed as part of the announcements.
  - E. University Promotion & Tenure- Joint Appointment Statement- This was discussed as part of the announcements.
  - F. Interest /Conflict Of Commitment Policy- We are discussing this today.
  - G. Special Assigned Leave- Quality Assurance- This was discussed as part of the announcements.
  - H. Special Assigned Leave- Point System- The committee can utilize this point system without approval.
  - I. Special Assigned Leave- Appeals- This was discussed as part of the announcements.
  - J. Faculty Salary & Benefits Committee and Professional Personnel Salary & Benefits Proposal- This was discussed as part of the announcements.
  - K. Teaching Evaluation Committee Proposal- This was discussed as part of the announcements.
  - L. University Core Curriculum Committee Structure Proposal- This was discussed as part of the announcements.
  - M. Theatre & Dance Electorate Votes Proposal- This was discussed as part of the announcements.
  - N. Academic Freedom & Ethics Committee Ombudsperson- This was discussed as part of the announcements.
  - O. Academic Technology Proposal- This was discussed as part of the announcements.
  - P. Veterans' Affairs Policy- This was discussed as part of the announcements.
  - Q. Governance and Elections Committee Charge to all committees- We heard an update from Suzy Smith.

7. Question and Answer Period:

Mary Lou Vercellotti- The Teaching Evaluation Committee Ex officio title needs to be updated from Assistant Director to Director in the Faculty and Professional Personnel Handbook.

Susan Wilczynski encouraged all Senators to take the University Promotion and Tenure Joint Appointment information back to their units and departments. This information and language must be utilized as quickly as possible for the protection of faculty.

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

9. New Business: no new business.

A. COI/COC Policy- Susan McDowell & Chris Mangelli (attachment titled; BSU COI-COC Compared Version 2)

Chris Mangelli provided a thorough explanation of the policy and referenced a Power Point presentation. This presentation will be shared with all Senators afterwards. Brief discussion ensued and Chris was able to answer any questions. Chris also welcomed any departments to utilize his office as a resource for any issues or questions that arise.

A motion was made and seconded to approve this policy and move it forward to the Provost Office and President's Office for consideration.

No nays noted. No abstentions noted.

Motion carried.

10. Other Items:

Mary Carter inquired about vaccination requirements for students and employees. No updates have been announced. As of right now, no vaccinations are required for students or employees. It is an understanding that no state institutions are requiring vaccinations for employees. There is a body of law that addresses EUA- Emergency Use Authorization type vaccines regarding requiring it for employment purposes. This likely prevents the requirement for employees under emergency use. A couple of state institutions have begun to propose mandates that would be effective when one or more of the vaccines received full FDA (United States Food and Drug Administration) approval.

11. Adjournment:  
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 5:06 p.m.  
No nays noted. No abstentions noted.  
Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie McIntosh, Secretary

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