

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:

- Administration has been sharing information on how to include the upcoming election and the importance of voting in class with students.
- The Ball State University Police Department and Muncie Police Department are working to ensure safety throughout the process.
- The University will provide support to students as needed.
- 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.
- In preparation of post-Thanksgiving, an email will be shared with the Deans and departments giving guidance for the remainder of the fall term.
- 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.
- Planning for spring term continues including discussions with the Student Government Association and the integration of three (3) study days.
- 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.
- 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