

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE 2021-22 UNIVERSITY SENATE
March 24, 2022

Members Present: 27

Members Absent: 10

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair of the University Senate, Kesha Coker, at 4:00 p.m.
Substitutions were asked to email Bethany Allen for record keeping purposes.

Members Present: R. Aceska, N. Bogert, A. Bowen, M. Carter, K. Chipman, K. Coker, O. Frausto, S. Fulton, L. Gerstein, M. Gillilan, R. Hassenzahl, C. Haynes, K. Hennessee, A. Hildner, S. Lee, T. Nguyen, G. Mearns, J. Place, N. Prater, V. Rapatz, S. Rivera-Mills, N. Seely, C. Shue, S. Smith, J. Sponseller, L. Taylor, M. Tschopp, P. Turner, C. Van Hof

Substitutes: V. Fife-Demski for A. Stefanski

Members Absent: C. Biddle, V. Birk, C. Bohanon, C. Braden, C. Cash, J. Emert, M. Lindstrand, J. Tye, D. Wheeler

Guests: K. McBride, B. Grim, S. Kirby, K. McCauliff, A. McLachlan, J. Coggeshall

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of February 24, 2022.

No nays noted. No abstentions noted.

Motion carried.

2. Announcements

- A. Next Scheduled Meetings

University Senate – Thursday, April 21, 2022, 4:00 p.m., Zoom
Senate Agenda Committee – Monday, April 11, 2022, 2:00 p.m., Zoom

- B. The 2022-2023 Governance Meeting dates calendar has been set. (Enclosure #1)- The executive members are considering mode of governance meetings in the fall. Executive members are working on polling constituents.

3. Recognition of Deaths

Dr. Donald F. Smith
Dean Emeritus of the College of Applied Sciences and Technology and Professor Emeritus of Industry and Technology
Retired 2002
30 years of service

Sandra Damewood Worthen
First Lady of Ball State University
1984-2000

4. Questions Directed to President Mearns

President Mearns provided updates including the following but not limited to:

- He and the Provost continue to have discussions with the colleges about enrollment strategies and the budget model.
- There will be two open forums scheduled for those unable to attend college meetings.
- We are through about three-fourths (3/4) of the fiscal year and should be ending with a very modest positive margin.
- There is an enrollment goal of 3500 and we are on track to meet that goal or possibly exceed it.
- There has been a modest uptick in international student enrollment.
- We will continue to support the retention of undergraduate students implementing new strategies and tactics.
- Mask protocol update: positive cases remain low and are much improved.
- May 7, 2022, Commencement is set to be in-person including the North Quad ceremony, pending good weather.
- A question was asked about would there be any allocations for salary and merit? President Mearns remains cautiously optimistic that there will be a modest allocation available.

5. One Ball State Day Presentation- Stormie Harless and Brittney Grim

Stormie Harless provided a brief presentation referencing a power point including the following highlights:

- One Ball State Day is April 5, 2022
- Many challenges and matches have been made
- Goal this year is one (1) million dollars
- There are over 100 ambassadors this year
- A toolkit is available to aid you in promoting One Ball State Day
- Remember to thank the donors
- Donors will receive a thank you video on the day of donation
- Life size nest for photo opportunities will be set up
- Swag items will be distributed in several different locations on campus
- Flat Charlie has been mailed out to past donors
- Five virtual events will occur that day
- Life-size bird nest will be built by architecture students near the Bell Tower
- One Ball State Day headquarters will be outside the Letterman Building
- Data reconciliation will occur faster after the midnight hour
- Donor lists will be sent much faster
- Goal it to increase the number of individual donors
- <https://oneballstate.bsu.edu/>

Larry Gerstein is the winner of the One Ball State Day mug and shirt.

6. Committee Reports

- A. Governance and Elections Committee – Nathan Bogert- The committee met on March 17, 2022. Election forms have been sent out to Colleges and Departments. They are due April 1, 2022.
- B. Faculty Council – Chris Van Hof- The council met on March 17, 2022. They approved the revisions in sections 113 and 114 in the Faculty and Professional Personnel Handbook. These revisions have been approved by the Student Government Association and the Professional Personnel Council. The revisions will be made an announcement at the next University Senate meeting on April 21, 2022.
- C. Professional Personnel Council – Michael Gillilan- The council met on March 3, 2022. They did approve the revisions of section 113 and 114 in the Faculty and Professional Personnel Handbook. They also encouraged communication to the divisions to share council information. Stormie Harless provided the One Ball State Day presentation as well. The next council meeting is April 7, 2022.
- D. Student Government Association – Tina Nguyen- On April 20, 2022, at 3:15pm in Cardinal Hall A and B, the inauguration service will occur. Everyone is welcome to attend and support the students. Please rsvp to tnjuyen5@bsu.edu.

7. Report by Chairperson of Senate – Kesha Coker – GANNT chart (Enclosure #2) - Issues in the Senate System

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

- A. Academic Freedom and Ethics- Amendments for the Faculty and Professional Personnel Handbook. This item has been tabled until further details can be provided.
- B. Crosswalk Safety- Concerns have been given to the Public Safety Committee for consideration.
- C. Payroll/Benefits Questions- Concerns have been given to the Professional Personnel Salary & Benefits Committee for consideration.
- D. Undergraduate Education Committee- BS/BA Program Distinctions- No new information. Chris Van Hof has requested a status update from the committee.
- E. Undergraduate Education Committee- Credit for Prior Learning- No new information. Chris Van Hof has requested a status update from the committee
- F. Academic Freedom and Ethics Committee- Ombudsperson Proposal- Anyone interested in serving on the Ad hoc can reach out to Bruce Frankel.
- G. Graduate Student Government Association inquiry- The graduate students have met with the Student Government Association.
- H. Faculty and Professional Personnel Handbook Revisions to Sections 113 and 114- The proposed revisions have been approved by the Student Government Association and the Professional Personnel Council.
- I. University Promotion and Tenure- Revisions- The Senate Agenda Committee has directed this to Faculty Council for review at the next meeting on April 14, 2022.

8. Question and Answer Period:
There are no additional questions currently.
9. Unfinished Business: There is no unfinished business currently.
10. New Business: There is no new business currently.
11. Other Items: There are no other items currently.
12. Adjournment:
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.
No nays noted. No abstentions noted.
Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalee Seely, Secretary

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