

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE 2022-2023 UNIVERSITY SENATE
January 19th, 2023

Members Present: 37

Members Absent: 4

1. The meeting was called to order by the 2022-2023 Vice Chair of the University Senate, Linda Taylor, at 4:03 p.m.

Substitutions were noted.

Members Present: T. Berg, C. Bohanon, C. Cash, K. Chipman, S. Chung, J. Coggeshall, C. Dailey, H. Dickin, S. Fulton, L. Gerstein, M. Gillilan, J. Glesing, C. Grellier, R. Hassenzahl, C. Haynes, A. Hildner, E. Jones, F. Kalota, K. Koch, W. Koslicki, B. Large, S. Lee, T. Nguyen, M. Prater, N. Prater, S. Rivera-Mills, S. Shore-Beck, C. Shue, L. Taylor, S. Tao, M. Tschopp, P. Turner, C. Van Hof, C. Webster, R. Wert, D. Wheeler, M. Wilson

Substitutes:

Members Absent: N. Bogert, A. Bowen, M. Lindstrand, G. Mearns

Guests: J. Buckrop, D. Clark, R. Crouch, R. Royer-Engle

A motion was made (Gillilan) and seconded (Prater) to approve the minutes of December 1st, 2022.

No nays noted. No abstentions noted.

Motion carried.

I. Announcements

A. Next Scheduled Meetings

University Senate – Thursday, February 23rd, 2023 4:00 p.m., LB125

Senate Agenda Committee – Monday, February 13th, 2023 2:00 p.m., BC200

II. Questions Directed to President Mearns

Provost Rivera-Mills is here to answer questions in the President's place. Question is asked what the legislative session looks like from a Ball State perspective. Provost responds that things look positive, and that there are efforts being made to better support higher education. Expecting an increase in the state appropriation, but nothing will be final for some time.

III. Committee Reports

- a) Governance and Elections Committee – Linda Taylor, Chairperson
 - i) Reviewed criteria for a vote of affected faculty for the creation of a new Department of Women's, Gender and African-American Studies. Next meeting on February 9th.
- b) Faculty Council – Chris Van Hof, Chairperson
 - i) Language to include joint appointments in the handbook has been passed and moved up the governance ladder. Non-Tenure Line language is back in committee and is expected to return at some point this year. A presentation by Alan Finn and Scott Stachler will be given on the budget, and everyone is invited to submit questions to their faculty council members. The UCC has recommended a cessation of core changes at this time and has submitted a report that will be voted on next week. It's likely to lead to the creation of a task force to holistically evaluate the core. The core will not be changed or diminished in the immediate future, and no changes will be made without UCC and this task force being involved.
- c) Professional Personnel Council – Mike Gillilan, Chairperson
 - i) Has not met since the last Senate meeting but will give a report after the February 9th meeting.
- d) Student Government Association- Tina Nguyen, President
 - i) Fair Wages commission is going to be restructured to include 10 students from across the university. Elections for SGA board will begin on January 31st. There will be a new secretary of Transportation installed shortly. The feminine hygiene product initiative is beginning to roll out to dorms.

IV. Question & Answer

Robert Crouch wants to introduce the new Associate Vice President of People and Culture. Darrell Clark looks forward to meeting everyone, is very excited to be here and nothing but good feelings so far.

V. New Business

Ro-Anne Royer Engle is here to answer any questions about this new policy. On January 30th 2020, the Board of Trustees approved a Freedom of Expression policy. When the Freedom of Expression committee went through the handbook, there were a few policies that needed to be updated. This item is one of those necessary changes. Many of the changes are grammatical, but there are a few content modifications that are noted in the edited copy available with the Senate 1/19 agenda.

Motion to adopt this resolution made by Gillilan, Seconded by Haynes. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Adjournment

Motion made by Bohanon, Prater seconded
Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Kourtland Koch, Secretary

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