

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE 2022-2023 UNIVERSITY SENATE
March 23rd, 2023

Members Present: 33

Members Absent: 7

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

Substitutions were noted.

Members Present: N. Bogert, A. Bowen, C. Cash, S. Chung, J. Coggeshall, C. Dailey, M. Gillilan, C. Grellier, R. Hassenzahl, E. Jones, F. Kalota, K. Koch, W. Koslicki, S. Lee, M. Lindstrand, G. Mearns, T. Nguyen, M. Prater, N. Prater, S. Rivera-Mills, S. Shore-Beck, S. Tao, M. Tschopp, P. Turner, C. Webster, R. Wert, D. Wheeler,

Substitutes: D. Grisanti for K. Chipman, E. Green for H. Dickin, E. Zurzolo for S. Fulton, M. Tschopp for L. Gerstein, S. Barker for C. Haynes, G. Stamp for C. Shue

Members Absent: T. Berg, C. Bohanon, J. Glesing, A. Hildner, B. Large, C. Van Hof, M. Wilson

Guests: J. Gassensmith, K. McCauliff

A motion was made (Koslicki) and seconded (Gillilan) to approve the minutes of February 23rd, 2023.

No nays noted. No abstentions noted.

Motion carried.

I. Announcements

A. Next Scheduled Meetings

University Senate – Thursday, April 20th, 2023 4:00 p.m., LB125

Senate Agenda Committee – Monday, April 10th, 2023 2:00 p.m., BC200

Elections will be happening at the April 20th meeting, so please be aware and make sure you're here for those.

B. Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities and Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Policy

Mike Gillilan is here to present, a few changes were made due to compliance, and were put in place on an interim basis. No objections, so it will be forwarded to administration.

C. University Promotion and Tenure Document

No objections were presented, so it will be forwarded to administration.

II. Questions Directed to President Mearns

President Mearns is present to speak and answer questions. Update from the General Assembly; still cautiously optimistic that funding will be received for the principal capital request, which will bring in 81 million dollars that will be spent on renovating academic buildings. If the project is cash funded as expected, there will be a time limit, which adds complications because the project is a renovation as opposed to new building. Modestly hopeful that the Senate will build on the good start from the House budget and add onto the operating appropriations for Ball State. This should be resolved by the next meeting on the 20th.

Encouraged by enrollment numbers, especially from those who have already been enrolled and paid a deposit. Still time before that is finalized, but it's better to be ahead than behind.

As part of the job as President, often required to spend time off-campus, and there is a risk of becoming disengaged and less informed about what is going on on-campus. Trying to do as much as possible to stay engaged and have conversations with those on campus, including meetings and breakfast with new faculty and department chairs. A good reminder was received yesterday from a department chair, letting the President know that there have been a lot of changes since the start of the pandemic and there has been a lot of hard work done to accommodate those changes. The President wants to take the opportunity to thank everyone again for all that they've done.

April 5th is One Ball State Day, which is focused on generating financial support for students and programs. A key part is demonstrating the passion and pride for the mission of the institution and encourages everyone to do it in whatever way they can. Consistently have heard from others in this field how extraordinary the way this event is handled.

Bogert asks for updates of the Land Acknowledgement Statement. Dr. Alexander has been working on that, so the President doesn't have an update but will provide one at next meeting.

Webster asks if there is an update on the MCOB dean. All 3 potential candidates have been positively recommended, and the hope is that an appointment will be made by next Monday.

Coggeshall asks if there is any guidance from the university about the effect of inflation with regards to salaries. The President recognizes that the 2% salary pool from last year was not

commensurate with increasing costs. Hope is that with increasing enrollment and state appropriations, there will be an opportunity to help solve that problem. If there is a larger amount of money to go around, one possibility would be setting aside a pool of funds to appropriately compensate the inequities that may have developed around campus in the past few years. It's important to note that this is just one of many potential ideas. Also, the new AVP for People and Culture is working on a variety of initiatives to help out.

III. Committee Reports

- a) Governance and Elections Committee – Linda Taylor, Chairperson
 - i) Approved elections for this Spring, as well as some issues with term limits in Faculty Council and PPC that have also been resolved. Also changed the time of the G&E meeting to 9am and that meeting will occur on the same day as PPC.
- b) Faculty Council – Chris Van Hof, Chairperson
 - i) Chris Van Hof is unable to attend, anything that needs to be reported has already been reported.
- c) Professional Personnel Council – Mike Gillilan, Chairperson

Met a few weeks ago, two things of note. Some of the terms were adjusted to appropriately stagger them. Also reviewed the preliminary results of an internal survey among PPC members to get perspectives on the role of PPC and its value to the members, constituents and the university at large. Will be attempting to do some awareness raising about governance and PPC in general.

- d) Student Government Association- Tina Nguyen, President
 - i) Last meeting as SGA President, very proud of the progress of the last two years. From providing free menstrual products, to the fair wages commission, there have been many major strides taken. The hope is that the next President will continue to build on the amazing growth of the last two years.

IV. Question & Answer

Koslicki asks about Crosswalk Safety item in the Gantt Chart. Gillilan says that PPC sent that last year, perhaps there is confusion about crosswalks and who has the right of way at those crosswalks. Perhaps it is a matter of education, but that is the item.

Some FYI's from Chair Bogert. There will be a performance on April 4th from Lawrence Brownlee that everyone is encouraged to attend. There is also a new project on the week before finals week where students around campus will be giving pop-up concerts.

V. New Business

Koslicki has some comments about the updates to the announced sexual harassment and misconduct policies. A few of the definitions in the document are from the previous edition of the Indiana Criminal Code, so these suggestions are all updated definitions, as well as a proposal to remove the word "sodomy" from the policy entirely. Domestic Violence now extends to any household member, and in a campus setting applies to violence between roommates. Also wants

to change the definition to Intimate Partner Violence to bring it up to speed with the criminal code.

Gillilan wants to add that this has been discussed between him and Dr. Koslicki, and that this document has already been approved by a series of committees. It may not be necessary to send this back through those committees, but as a matter of precaution because of the anticipated changes from the Biden Administration in May, it may be best to send these to the Vice President of Student Affairs, so that these changes can be approved when those changes are made in May.

A. Library Committee Item- (Enclosure #2)

Motion to approve these changes (Prater) Seconded by (Koch). Motion passed unanimously.

B. Governance Calendar- (Enclosure #3)

Motion to approve governance calendar (Gillilan) Seconded by (Koslicki) Motion passed unanimously.

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VI. Other Items

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by Gillilan, Koslicki seconded

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Kourtland Koch, Secretary

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