



Indiana State University

Special Meeting of the ISU Board of Trustees Minutes

Thursday, October 1, 2020

5:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting via Zoom



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2. New Business Item

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1 Call Meeting to Order

The Indiana State University Board of Trustees met in special session at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2020 via Electronic Means.

Opening Statement

Welcome to this meeting of the Indiana State University Board of Trustees. This meeting is being conducted electronically pursuant to Governor Eric Holcomb's emergency order regarding COVID-19 as allowed under Executive Order 20-09 which was extended most recently by Executive Order 20-44.

This meeting is called to address one item and done by itself so that we might act expeditiously on this item. It is an item that we hoped we wouldn't have to do of course, but it is what it is. This item regards next semester's spring academic schedule.

Trustees Present via Electronic Means

Kathleen Cabello, Robert Casey, Tanya McKinzie, Randall Minas, Edward Pease, Casey Phillips, Cynthia Powers, Kimberly Smith and Jeff Taylor

Trustees Absent

None

Others Present via Electronic Means

President Curtis, Vice Presidents Licari, McKee, Morgan and Rogers.

There being a quorum present, Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

2a Proposed Revision to Spring 2021 Academic Calendar

A revision of the Spring 2021 Academic Calendar is being sought to respond to COVID-19 concerns.

A key way for the COVID-19 virus to spread is via travel and interacting with new groups of people. The winter break between the fall and spring semesters is a time when many students, faculty, and staff travel and/or visit family and friends. Spring break is also traditionally a time when students, faculty and staff may engage in travel. Given the goal of maintaining our commitment to in-person and hybrid instruction, as well as to conducting work on campus, the proposal is to delay the start of the spring semester by one week and to eliminate spring break. Classes would start on January 19, 2021, and run without a break through the end of the semester. The semester would conclude on the currently scheduled date. These changes also require adjustments to other important dates such as add/drop deadlines, attendance and interim grade reporting, etc. These changes are reflected in the calendar below.

SPRING 2021	
January 4, Monday	University Opens
January 14-15 7-8, Thursday-Friday	Advisement and Registration for New Students
January 18, Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day; University Closed
January 19 42, Tuesday	Spring Semester Begins; 16 and 1st 8 Week Classes Start
January 22 45, Friday	1st 8 Week Classes: Last Day to Add/Register & Drop/Withdrawal with No Grade
January 25 49, Tuesday	16 Week Classes : Last Day to Add/Register & Drop/Withdrawal with No Grade
February 8-12 4-5, Monday-Friday	Three Week Attendance Reporting; Deadline is 4pm on Friday, February 12 5
February 25-March 2 48-23, Thursday-Tuesday	Interim Grading; Deadline is 4 pm on Tuesday, March 2 February 23
February 26 49, Friday	1st 8 Week Classes : Last Day to Drop/Withdrawal
March 8-16 4-9, Monday-Tuesday	1st 8 Week Classes: Final Grading Opens; Deadline is Noon on Tuesday, March 16 9
March 12 5, Friday	1st 8 Week Classes End
Mar 8-12, Monday-Friday	Spring Break (No Day or Evening Classes)
March 15, Monday	Classes resume ; 2nd 8 Week Classes Start
March 18, Thursday	2nd 8 Week Classes: Last Day to Add/Register & Drop/Withdrawal with No Grade
April 5, Monday	16 Week Classes: Last Day to Drop/Withdrawal
April 12-25, Monday-Sunday	Summer/Fall 2021 Priority Registration
April 22, Thursday	2nd 8 Week Classes: Last Day to Drop/Withdrawal
April 26, Monday	Summer/Fall 2021 Open Registration begins
April 26-30, Monday-Friday	Study Week
April 30-May11, Friday-Tuesday	Final Grading Opens; Deadline is Noon on Tuesday, May 11
April 30, Friday	Last Day of Spring Classes
May 3-7, Monday-Friday	Final Examinations
May 8, Saturday	Commencement

By delaying the start of the semester by one week we will ask students and faculty to self-quarantine for at least 10 days prior to returning to campus. The elimination of spring break will reduce travel away from, and back to, campus during the semester. Both of these adjustments will help reduce the likelihood of transmitting the virus to other members of the ISU community.

Input into this recommendation has been gathered from the President's Cabinet, Student Government Association, Staff Council, and Faculty Senate. In order to provide a full discussion of the topic, the President convened a joint meeting of the Cabinet along with the leadership of the three shared governance units. All expressed support for this proposal.

Recommendation: Approved the revised Academic Calendar for the Spring 2021 semester.

Motion made by: Tanya McKinzie

Motion seconded by: Cynthia Powers

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Cabello, yes

Robert Casey, yes

Tanya McKinzie, yes

Randall Minas, yes

Edward Pease, yes

Casey Phillips, yes

Cynthia Powers, yes

Kimberly Smith, yes

Jeff Taylor, yes

The Recommendation was approved.

Adjournment

The Indiana State University Board of Trustees adjourned at 5:09 p.m.