

School of Social Sciences Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2008

Those present:

Jean Abshire, James Beeby, Stephanie Bower, Bernardo Carducci, Donna Dahlgren, William Farrell, Carl Kramer, Robert Lennartz, Todd Manson, Robin Morgan, Bernadette Olson, Greg Phipps, Kelly Ryan, Jim St. Clair, Yu Shen, Dean Clifford Staten, Joe Wert, and Diane Wille.

Dean Staten welcomed all those attending to the meeting and introduced Diane Wille to speak on the new IRB packet. Packets containing all new IRB forms were distributed to all attending. All IU campuses are required to use the same forms. Beginning in November, the new forms will be on the web in an easy-to-use format. Those beginning new research projects should contact Jackie Reid, IRB chair, for assistance if necessary.

Dean Staten noted that an outcome of the recent Social Sciences retreat was a suggestion to have a forum/symposium/discussion series. Jean Abshire, Brigitte Le Normand, Todd Manson, Bernadette Olson, and Yu Shen have volunteered for a committee to meet and create a proposal and suggest topics/issues to be addressed.

Dean Staten introduced the subject of a strategic plan for the School of Social Sciences by showing an overview of the School of Education's strategic plan. Themes, goals and objectives were listed in the plan for the SOE. He noted that he felt that a strategic plan for the School of Social Sciences could be seen as a road map for the future. A committee is needed to develop this plan.

Nominees should:

- be willing to commit their time and energy toward the project with the goal of completing this by the end of the spring 09 semester
- be willing to remove their discipline hat and represent social sciences as a whole
- be willing to work in a process that will be transparent to all in the school of social sciences
- have excellent communication skills (work constructively in a group setting, etc.)

Process for committee selection:

- The committee will consist of Cliff and 4 other members from the School
- Nominations will be accepted through Monday, October 27th at 5:00pm (Cliff set the time frame for nominations), note that individuals may nominate themselves or be nominated by another faculty member
- Once I receive all nominations, I will put together a ballot for all full-time faculty
- There will be a yes B no vote on each nominee on the ballot
- The vote will be by secret ballot -- ballot box is in Mary Ann Braden's office
- To be elected to the committee, a nominee must be in the top 4 Ayes@ vote recipients from all those votes cast
- To be elected to the committee, a nominee must receive at least a majority of Ayes@ votes from all those votes cast

A motion was made and seconded to accept the above process for creation of the strategic plan committee for the School of Social Sciences. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcement:

Book orders for Spring 2009 should be done as soon as possible.

With no further business or announcements, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.