

Indiana University Southeast
Faculty Senate Minutes
February 15, 2007 07-7 2:45 p.m. KV 230-236

Members present: Ron Finkbine, President, Anne Allen, Michael Abernethy, Jamie Kauffman, Tim Ambrose, David Eplion, Jon Bingham, Doug Barney, Tom Keefe, William Jamski, Jeanette Nunnelley, James Hollenbeck, Robin Fankhauser, Jim Jenkins, Doug Darnowski, James Woeppel, John Doyle, David Treves, Kent Edmonds, Chris Lang, Jacquelyn Reid, Judy Myers, Joe Wert, Sarah Zurhellen, and Alan South

Absent with Alternate: Liam Felsen (Christa Zorn), Ben Asare (Jean Abshire), Greg Phipps (Linda Gugin)

Absent without Alternate: Richard Kopp, Beth Eckerd

Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council present: Chancellor Patterson-Randles, Gil Atnip, Steve Taksar, Ruth Garvey-Nix, Annette Wyandotte, Chris Bjornson, Ben Nassim, Kathleen Norvell, Rick French

Guests: Jan Williamson, Johnny Alse, Carolyn Babione, Susan Mann

Ron Finkbine, President called the meeting to order. The roll was passed with instructions to sign for yourself and indicate if you were attending for someone else. A motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded. The minutes were approved with one correction. Page 2 of the minutes in President Finkbine's report refers to Dr. Vance. The name should read Dr. Charles Bantz.

Chancellor Patterson-Randles report:

- 1) Review of the Strategic Plan is underway with goals 1 and 2 reviewed and goals 3 and 4 scheduled for the next meeting. The committee is looking for new ideas, retiring some items and tweaking others as appropriate.
- 2) Regarding enrollment, Bloomington and Southeast were the only IU schools that actually had an increase in enrollment with this being the third enrollment period for an increase at Southeast. Summer II, fall and now spring, Southeast has experienced increased enrollment with 2.6% in headcount and credit hours were up 2.2%. Currently, for summer I we are down 2 students from last year and admits are down 9 students from last year. Fall 2007 applicants are up 57 students already, which is a 9.9% increase, and admits are up 66 students, which is 15.3% increase. She said IUS was posting significant increases in both applications and admissions for first year beginning students. Other chancellors have asked for materials that IUS developed through enrollment management to hopefully benefit their increased recruitment of students.
- 3) Information on the reciprocity agreement with Kentucky has been called a quote-unquote "done deal" from Jeff Stanley of the Higher Education Commission. It is believed that the Kentucky staff will be approving the agreement at their March council meeting.
- 4) A non smoking policy on all IU campuses has been endorsed by the President and the Board of Trustees. After receiving some information from legal counsel in Bloomington conversations will begin and policies and procedures developed.
- 5) Lastly, the Chancellor reported on campus housing. She showed some updated drawings which will be placed in the Library. We are still awaiting State approval and that must be received by the beginning of May in order to break ground.

VC Atnip's report:

- 1) Atnip reported on the Trustees discussion about general education at their last meeting. He said the President prefaced his report by saying that he believed that because of mission differentiation and differences among the campuses that a one size fits all general education approach was not appropriate.

Each campus has been working diligently to put together a general education program that fits its circumstances and he felt that was the appropriate way to go with provisions being made for transfer among the campuses to be as seamless as possible. Atnip says he understands that each campus is to report in April as to their intended implementation date. He concluded his report by saying that it is a long time until April and they (Trustees) could change their minds but at the moment there seems to be acceptance of this notion that a one size fits all approach is not going to work. This concluded Atnip's report.

There was a brief discussion about the book chosen by the Common Experience Committee and the fact that the author is a high profile political candidate and also another high profile political candidate has reissued her book and why was one chosen over the other. Michael Abernethy, who is a member of the Common Experience Committee, said the book was chosen because it fit the multicultural theme. It was written long before Obama's political career started and only deals with his childhood. VC Atnip added that the fact that the university as an institution is politically neutral doesn't by any means mean that we don't discuss and have a forum for the exchange of ideas related to politics or any other controversial topic. Abernethy went on to say that with the Common Experience offering two books no one is obligated to choose either for the semester.

French-UFC Report:

1) French mentioned general education and acknowledged VC Atnip's report on same. He thanked all those who have worked on general education so diligently and for such a long time. 2) He discussed a recommendation by the Responsibility Center Management Review Committee. This was approved by the IU Board of Trustees and states that the President will now have a new discretionary fund. It will be funded based upon 12 ½% of new sources of revenue coming into the university. The incoming president will be responsible for establishing the criteria for distribution of these funds. This concluded French's report.

President Finkbine's report: The timeline for the presidential search has been reduced to 4 candidates. Supposedly, the search committee is having interviews the last few days in February on campus in Bloomington. Action is expected from the Board of Trustees, which meets on March 1 & 2. This concluded President Finkbine's report.

Reid moved Circular 07-7A which was a recommendation from the Executive Committee to delay the Chancellor's review due to the lateness in starting the process. The motion was seconded. The pros and cons were discussed at length and a friendly amendment was made to the document (**in bold**) as follows: Due to the delay in beginning the review of our campus Chancellor, the Faculty Senate of IU Southeast recommends that the review commence next academic year **according to the standard timeline**. Continuing with the review this academic year is unfair to both the Chancellor and to the review process. The vote was taken and the revised recommendation passed and will be sent to President Herbert.

Circular 07-7B was the approval of pre-Kindergarten License/Track to be added to the Elementary Education Program in the School of Education and was presented by Lang representing APC. Nunnelley, from the School of Education, explained how the articulation had been developed in conjunction with Ivy Tech Community College to allow for this licensing. There was a short discussion; the vote was taken and the motion passed.

Circular 07-7C was presented by Susan Mann, Chair of Faculty Affairs, which was a recommendation to reinstate the 10% of base salary per course for summer teaching compensation. A long discussion ensued. Both the Chancellor and VC Atnip gave explanations regarding the budget processes. It was pointed out that since there had been no priority list from Budgetary Affairs related to other needs, that this was a fairly empty request since it is not known how it compares to other needs that exist within the institution. A motion was made by Kauffman to send this request back to committee for further study and dialogue with Budgetary

Affairs and come back with a list of priorities. Atnip said that speaking for himself and his responsibilities in advocating for the academic affairs budget, that if he has a list of priorities by the middle of March that would be an acceptable timeframe since the budget process is moving forward. The budget process will begin to finalize by the middle of April. Motion was seconded. The vote was taken and passed. The motion went back to committee.

Circular 07-7D a recommendation from Faculty Affairs regarding faculty salary transparency, cost of living and salary compression was moved by Susan Mann. Motion was seconded. President Finkbine pointed out that a memo prepared by VC Atnip provided information regarding this issue. Kauffman made a motion to also refer this request back to committee in order for them to take a closer look at Atnip's memo and allow the senators to also study the material in both documents. The vote was taken and the motion was sent back to committee.

A motion was made to adjourn because we no longer had a quorum. Meeting adjourned.