

Indiana University Southeast
Faculty Senate Minutes
April 19, 2007 07-10 2:45 p.m. KV 230-236

Members present: Ron Finkbine, President, Michael Abernethy, Jamie Kauffman, Liam Felsen, Tim Ambrose, David Eplion, Jon Bingham, Doug Barney, Tom Keefe, William Jamski, Jeanette Nunnelley, James Hollenbeck, Robin Fankhauser, Doug Darnowski, James Woepfel, John Doyle, David Treves, Kent Edmonds, Chris Lang, Jacquelyn Reid, Judy Myers, Beth Eckerd, Greg Phipps, Joe Wert, Alan South

Absent with Alternate:

Absent without Alternate: Anne Allen, Richard Kopp, Ben Asare

Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council present: Gil Atnip, Ruth Garvey-Nix, Chris Bjornson, Sandra Gordon

Guests: Bob Snip, Skip Cady, Eric Schansberg, Whitney Roberts

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. There was one correction to the minutes. Shusheng Hu attended for Doug Darnowski on April 5th and not Sheying Chen. The minutes were approved with this correction.

VC Atnip's report: The Chancellor sent her regrets that she could not be at this meeting. She is president of the Indiana Campus Compact and today is their annual meeting in Terre Haute.

Atnip introduced Bob Snip, Physical Plant Director, to give a status report on the leaks in Crestview in response to an inquiry at an earlier Senate meeting. Bob gave a comprehensive report of the repairs that are in progress e.g. roof, internal and external drains, downspouts, window replacement, lighting, masonry work and grading. Bob was asked about the upgrade to classrooms in Hillside Hall. He said lighting has been ordered and Media Services is working on speakers for the ceilings. He predicts this work to be completed by late May or early June.

Atnip was asked about the professional libraries that were ruined in the flooded offices and if it is true that there has to be a claim on your home owners insurance. He said that Taksar was still haggling with the risk management folks regarding the issue and he didn't really know the status.

Atnip mentioned the budget which still has not been approved. The Legislature, by law, is supposed to adjourn by April 30, and if they don't approve a budget that the governor will sign by that time then they go into special session.

Atnip concluded by talking about enrollment. He said he has sent an enrollment report to all the deans and will continue to do so weekly and he has asked the deans to share the information with faculty as they deem appropriate.

President Finkbine's report: UFC met via phone to talk about the agenda for the next meeting. Current topics are: **(1)** Research Misconduct Policy which is being looked at by Diane Wille and Debbie Finkel and they think the policy is fine. **(2)** A report on diversity is coming. **(3)** The author/publishing issue which is who keeps the copyrights for faculty to keep their web sites up to date. **(4)** There was a discussion about Dr. McRobbie's inauguration. **(5)** Discussed benefits in regard to faculty new hires and the option of putting

extra dollars into your retirement account and the current default in the system. (6) The core school report was discussed; UFC is drafting an objection to the adoption of the recommendation because of lack of faculty input. (7) Lastly, the president is making a set of recommendations to the Board of Trustees, which has not been formally presented, but the president mentions that the deans are responsible for curriculum changes. The faculty of the UFC objected to the terminology. The UFC wants more faculty input on this report before it goes to the Trustees.

Jamie Kauffman, representing the Executive Committee, read a statement thanking President Finkbine for two years of dedicated service as president of the IUS Faculty Senate. Jacquelyn Reid then presented President Finkbine with a printed copy of the resolution.

Circular 07-10A, COAS I398 Continuing Studies Internship was a course change request from APC. Lang moved this item; there was no discussion and the motion passed.

Lang moved Circular 07-10B, new course request for COAS S399 Internship. Motion was seconded. Bjornson asked if Schansberg would give some background on this and the other internship that were on the agenda. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

President Finkbine suggested the remaining items, Circulars 07-10C- EDUC A399 Internship, 07-10D-BUS X399 Internship, 07-10E-BUSE E599 Internship, 07-10F-LBST D599 Internship, be presented as one batch. Lang moved the remaining circulars as a batch. There was no discussion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Circular 07-10G, AST-A100 The Solar System was from the General Education Committee and moved by chair, Skip Cady. This course satisfies both the general education and critical thinking goals and the central issues, ideas and methods of inquiry in Natural/Physical Sciences. There was no discussion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Circular 07-10H, GEOG-F 107 Physical Systems of the Environment was also placed in motion by Cady. This is a general education course that satisfies goal outcomes of central issues, ideas and methods of inquiry in Natural/Physical Sciences. There was no discussion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Lastly, Dr. Cady gave some background on the General Education Assessment Report from the General Education Committee on this year's activities in assessment of general education. The report had been sent earlier to all faculty electronically. Vice Chancellor Atnip recognized the work of the committee by saying that tremendous and notable progress has been made and he wanted to acknowledge the committee and the faculty for their leadership.

There was a question about the status of the Chancellor's review. Jacquelyn Reid, a member of the committee, gave a comprehensive report on the process and progress of the review.

There were no other questions. President Finkbine asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made and the meeting adjourned.