

Indiana University Southeast
Faculty Senate Minutes
October 18, 2007 08-4 2:45 p.m. Hoosier West

Members present: Leigh Viner, Angela Salas, Jamie Kauffman, Rebecca Carlton, Chris Bjornson, William Jamski, Walter Ryan, Fran Squires, Robin Fankhauser, Doug Darnowski, Kent Edmonds, David Taylor, John Doyle, Chris Lang, Judy Myers, John Finnegan, James Beeby, Beth Eckerd, Donna Dahlgren, Jean Abshire

Absent with Alternate: Tom Keefe (Jon Bingham), Uric Dufrene (Jay White), Doug Barney (Chris Cox), Nancy Totten (Maria Accardi), Laura McIlvoy (Jacqueline Reid), Kathleen Norvell (L.J. Deal),

Absent without Alternate: Tim Ambrose, Judy Myers, John Finnegan

Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council present: Gil Atnip, Jay White, Marty Rosen, Jim Woepfel, Flo Gonya

Guest: Jerod Clapp, Horizon Newspaper

Chris Bjornson presided in the absence of President Joe Wert, who was attending the inauguration of President McRobbie in Bloomington. The roll was passed with instructions to sign for yourself or indicate if you were attending for someone else. A motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Dr. Atnip represented the Chancellor who was in Bloomington attending the inauguration of President McRobbie along with VC's Garvey-Nix and Taksar. Atnip pointed out that pursuant to the discussion in the last Faculty Senate meeting and effective last Monday the Academic Success Center now reports to the Office of Academic Affairs. The search is underway for a director for the ASC. Dr. Chen will oversee the day to day responsibilities of the Center and any issues should be directed to him.

Atnip passed a report from Jim Henson, Institutional Research regarding persistence to the second year 2006 cohort. These data are only data with respect to students who began in the semester indicated on the x-axis and it only includes students who began their studies at IUS during that fall semester. It does not include the great majority of students already here. Atnip went through the entire handout and explained both the good and bad numbers contained in the report. He said he has been in contact with Brenda Hackett, Chair of Student Recruitment & Retention to possibly put together a working group to look at retention issues. He suspects there will be increased emphasis on persistence and graduation from the State, the Trustees and the Higher Education Commission going forward. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding this issue and a suggestion was made to send the graphs to all faculty.

Lastly, Atnip reminded the group that the website regarding faculty salary policies has been activated and to access it you need your IUS login. He said the purpose of this website is to be informative and he invited comments or suggestions on improving the site.

Bjornson – UFC Report:

- 1) The Educational Policies Committee is looking at the number of credits that can be transferred from two year schools. The committee is looking at two possibilities: limit by percentage and limit by number. This issue will be coming to the floor of the UFC by year end.
- 2) Two major policies before the UFC last year were Intellectual Properties, which President Herbert did not forward to the Board of Trustees because he thought it was too long. The other was on Research Misconduct,

which the Board of Trustees chose not to act on. Also discussed was the fact that the Board of Trustees has sent back most of the major policies that the UFC has sent to them. There was a discussion of faculty governance and Indiana University's long history of having good faculty governance and whether that is going to continue in the future.

3) President McRobbie mentioned that he is hiring a firm to develop a master plan for IUB and IUPUI and he plans to send it to the Board of Trustees by December '08. The master plan would designate where all new buildings would be placed. McRobbie was asked about a master plan for the other campuses and he said they would have a master plan which would come later.

4) Bjornson raised the question about the Bookstore and the complaints that are floating around about book prices increasing since Barnes & Noble took over. He said there were a lot of confirming nods around the room that most people were hearing the same thing. McRobbie said that it needs to be looked into.

5) There was a discussion about changing the promotion and tenure guidelines for the regional campuses and IUPUI, which apparently came from the Academic Leadership Council. President Joe Wert has sent the most recent document to everyone and asked people to invite Gil to come and talk at their school meetings since he is a member of the Academic Leadership Council. It was made clear at UFC that the document is in draft form and feedback is welcome.

6) The Labor Studies Program was discussed. There were some issues with this program; it sort of lost its home and needed to find a new one and now things seem to be working quite well.

7) On the UFC agenda there was a line about the chancellor's review for Southeast. We went into executive session. Bjornson said the discussion was about the procedures not the results. The UFC wrote a policy and the Board rejected it and wrote their own. The UFC wanted to know how this new policy worked. The chair of the committee talked about what the committee did and how things proceeded to reach their report; there was no discussion of the report at all.

This was the end of the UFC report. Bjornson solicited questions. There were some questions regarding the Bookstore and the contract with Barnes & Noble.

Bjornson placed in motion Circular 08-4A from the School of Business for a proposal for International Business concentration. Motion was seconded. Jon Bingham from the School of Business gave a summary of the proposal and course. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

The next agenda item Bjornson placed in motion was Circular 08-4B from the Honors Program, Honors Project H495. Bjornson called on Salas, Director of the Honors Program to discuss. She stated this was to give the individualized honors a course number, which had been omitted earlier. Motion passed.

Circular 08-4C was from the School of Social Sciences; Soc W100 Gender Studies was moved by Bjornson and seconded. Dahlgren explained that this was merely a number change to place it under Sociology. It replaces the 200 level class. There was no discussion. The vote was taken and motion passed.

The next item Circular 08-4D was moved by Bjornson and seconded. Carlton explained that currently the course just says public speaking although it is at the 300 level. A course number is being created so the transcript will reflect what was taken instead of having two public speaking courses with different numbers. There were no questions. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Circular 08-4E and 08-4F were moved by Bjornson as a block then seconded. Beeby explained that these were art history courses which count in the BA distribution list for history. These are courses already offered and there is faculty to teach them. Vote was taken and the motion passed.

The last item on the agenda Circular 08-4G a proposed resolution from the General Education Committee was moved by Bjornson and seconded. Atnip gave a background. The Gen Ed Committee had some concerns expressed about availability of courses to meet the various requirements that were needed for both

day and evening population and that there are students who can basically only come in the evening. There was concern that deans and coordinators be made aware to the needs of students who can only attend in the evening to also take general education courses. The committee decided to put a resolution in front of the Faculty Senate to emphasize the importance of this.

There was discussion regarding the resolution, along with an editorial suggestion, etc. Atnip said he was having a meeting with program coordinators next Friday so they would have some in-depth discussion of some of these issues including how we actually do schedule and how priorities are assigned in that process. The vote was taken and the resolution passed.

Bjornson called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made and the meeting adjourned.