

Indiana University Southeast
Faculty Senate Minutes
November 15, 2007 08-5 2:45 p.m. KV 230-236

Members present: Joe Wert, President, Leigh Viner, Angela Salas, Jamie Kauffman, Chris Bjornson, Tom Keefe, Doug Barney, William Jamski, Fran Squires, Doug Darnowski, Kent Edmonds, David Taylor, John Doyle, Chris Lang, John Finnegan, James Beeby, Beth Eckerd, Donna Dahlgren, Jean Abshire

Absent with Alternate: Robin Fankhauser (Cathy Shea) Nancy Totten (Marty Rosen), Laura McIlvoy (Coyla Short)

Absent without Alternate: Tim Ambrose, Rebecca Carlton, Uric Dufrene, Walter Ryan, Judy Myers, Michelle Zimmerman

Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council present: Chancellor Patterson-Randles, Gil Atnip, Steve Taksar, Ruth Garvey-Nix, Marty Rosen, Jim Woepfel, Flo Gonya, Kathleen Norvell, Sandra Gordon

Guests: Jerod Clapp, The Horizon Newspaper
Jim Schlinsog, Director of Residence Life & Housing
Kirk Klaphaak, IT-Computer Services
Sheying Chen, Assoc. VC Academic Affairs

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.

Chancellor's Report: The Chancellor reported on a lot of good things happening at IUS.

- 1) The MBA part-time program has been ranked 18th in the nation by Business Week and 3rd in the Midwest beaten out only by Loyola and the University of Chicago. At #3 IUS beat out Washington University in St. Louis and Ohio State. In student satisfaction this program is ranked 6th in the nation with an A+ rating for instruction and faculty quality.
- 2) The Theatre Department's production of *Lend Me a Tenor* was applauded by the Chancellor for an excellent performance.
- 3) The Chancellor recognized Dr. James Beeby in the Social Sciences Department who received the Metroversity Instructional Development Award and beat out the folks from U of L for getting this special merit award.
- 4) She reported the huge success of the Medallion Dinner with 500 people in attendance. President McRobbie and his wife, Laurie Burns McRobbie were present to talk about the vision for IU. Medallion Award recipients were Hazel Bales and John Reisert.
- 5) The Chancellor had the privilege of having lunch with President Bush in his recent visit to New Albany. She sat next to him and told him about all the good things going on at IUS.
- 6) She reported the progress of the student housing and landscaping as being on target or ahead of schedule. A fountain has been placed in the pond to aerate it and bring the water down to a certain level so the dam can be repaired. This will not be harmful to the fish.
- 7) Fencing for the back property line is being discussed. She is hopeful that the fencing can go from the north end of the campus all the way down to Hausfeldt, in order to protect those folks and particularly children, who might be around the softball field or tennis courts which are near the railroad tracks. She said some studies have been done regarding the noise from the trains and it was determined that most of the noise comes from the lower carriage and wheels of the trains and that the brick facing on the residence halls will help cut down on the noise. She was asked about the whistle and crossing on Hausfeldt and if there is any plan to install a crossing that would eliminate the train having to blow the whistle. She does not know of anything specific but she said Jack Koetter is very concerned about the crossing and considers it dangerous. She told Koetter that she would support him if he decides to go to the proper folks in an attempt to get the crossing redone.

- 8) The lunchroom space for the faculty and staff in the Conference Center is open and people are using it. A microwave oven and cart will be available soon.
- 9) The Chancellor reported that the Blue Ribbon Committee on Salaries has met. She and Joe Wert attended the first meeting to deliver the charge. Copies of the charge were shared with the Faculty Senate.
- 10) The Chancellor referred to President McRobbie's inaugural address in which he mentioned that he is very concerned about retention and persistence to graduation. The Indiana Commission of Higher Education is looking into this issue very seriously and President McRobbie believes all the campuses should be proactive on this matter. He has mandated that over a five year period that we take 1% of what is determined to be an administrative operating budget and place those dollars into a separate account to be used only for funding initiatives that will increase retention and persistence to graduation. Preliminary numbers indicate that this is a little over \$125,000 a year for five years which will be over \$600,000 that will have to be stripped from our regular budget. The Chancellor said she did not know at this time all the details, parameters or how we are going to deal with this.
- 11) The Chancellor has recently completed meetings with faculty in all the schools and divisions. She deemed them to be good meetings and learned a lot about faculty needs and concerns. When she has an opportunity to address these issues she will be knowledgeable and can act accordingly. Two specific things that were mentioned as concerns are lack of space, particularly for adjunct faculty and student behavior and civility in the classroom. The Chancellor, Bob Snip and Steve Taksar will be touring the campus and looking for available space after Thanksgiving. Regarding student behavior it was suggested that a repeat of the FACET Workshop that was done on the millennial students be presented again and also ask Dr. Garvey-Nix for advice on what can formally be done about behavior and discipline problems and what the rules and regulations are.

The Chancellor presented Kirk Klaphaak who gave an update on the emergency notification system. The campus committee is working on all means of emergency communication to the campus. This involves phones (internal & external), computers, wide spread modular external siren and loud speaker systems, the video bulletin board system, and they are investigating ways to send pop-up messages to computers. Klaphaak said the goal is to coordinate these projects so rather than send messages to a variety of systems that one message can be sent and it can then be disseminated to a variety of systems. Klaphaak encouraged everyone to update their personal profile in OneStart because this is the information that will be used in the event of an emergency.

The Chancellor called on Garvey-Nix for an update on housing.

Garvey-Nix: She began by introducing Jim Schlinsog, Director of Residence Life and Housing, who has been on campus for the past two months. She passed around the most recent materials and brochures and encouraged everyone to be ambassadors for this program. The construction is on schedule and all five buildings will be under roof and roughed in by mid December. She expects the buildings to be turned over to the campus by June 15. There was some discussion about contracts and applications and the flexibility of same, how student pairing would be done, rules and regulations for the residents and the system for monitoring. Schlinsog pointed out that there will be two resident assistants in every building and they will be hiring an assistant director of residence life, who will be a full time professional with a master's degree living in the residence halls.

Atnip's report: The self study re-accreditation working groups have met in an orientation and planning meeting. The five groups will break off into their individual groups after Thanksgiving. They will present their initial plans to the steering committee so they can see that everyone is on the same track and to be sure the coordination between the working groups is going forward.

Atnip introduced Dr. Chen who presented a brief update on the diversity plan. He said that increasing diversity and internalization are two of the key areas for IU. Each campus has a deadline of December 21, to submit a campus diversity plan. Basing the plan on the Strategic Plan and incorporating the findings in the self-study and including the team comments from South Bend are some of the goals. He said that IU central is working on the international affairs dimension. He encouraged everyone to become engaged in this process with your comments and suggestions. He will send the initial draft to anyone who is interested in seeing it.

President Wert's Report: Wert explained the two Barnes & Noble representatives unavoidable absence since they were scheduled for this meeting to answer questions about the Bookstore. They will be scheduled for a future meeting.

On November 26, Executive VP David Malik will be on campus in a Town Hall meeting to discuss the newly proposed guidelines for tenure and promotion. The draft document has been sent to all faculty and Wert strongly encouraged attendance and feedback for the meeting on November 26.

Bjornson UFC Report: This meeting was in Richmond. There were no voting items but several discussion items. 1) Family leave policy – There is a draft of the proposed family leave policy which is exactly the same one the Board of Trustees rejected four years ago. They rejected it because it did not have a good estimate of cost. A labor economist is taking a look at it to help give a projection of the actual cost. The current policy is at half pay and the proposed policy is for full pay if you go on family leave. The current policy expires at the end of this academic year.

2) The Bookstore and other privatized services were discussed. President McRobbie was not at this meeting and Bjornson said these discussions need to happen when he is present and hopefully that will take place in the spring.

3) Dean Graber from the medical school spent a lot of time talking about the life sciences initiative which wasn't funded very well and the plan is to get better funding the next time around.

4) Transfer of credits from community colleges was discussed. This will go through our APC and then back to the UFC. The issue is should a limit be imposed or should we not accept more than the proposed 64 credits.

Continuing Studies is accepting 90 credits from community colleges and then granting an IU degree.

5) There was a long discussion on Oncourse. People are not real happy with the roll out of the new Oncourse.

Agenda Items: Wert introduced two items from APC. Cathy Shea, a member of APC, placed the first one in motion, which was a new course in Natural Sciences, Circular 08-5A, AHLT M350 Medical Science for Health Information I. The motion was seconded. There were no questions or discussion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

The next item introduced by Shea was an information item, G-438 added as an elective for a degree in Economics. There was no discussion.

The last item, Circular 08-5B, was an information item on the TTA Score Sheet, from the Improvement of Learning Committee and explained by Jamie Kauffman. This document takes the longer document and condenses it and changes a few of the point totals. This would not go into effect until next year. Kauffman said the hope is to also develop a scoring rubric so it would identify exactly what 5 points would mean and 4,3,2, etc. He said they are still working through that particular point. There was no discussion.

Wert called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned.

