

Indiana University Southeast
Faculty Senate Minutes
January 17, 2008 08-6 2:45 p.m. MP 127

Members present: Joe Wert, President, Leigh Viner, Angela Salas, Jamie Kauffman, Bryan Hall, Tim Ambrose, Chris Bjornson, Doug Barney, William Jamski, Fran Squires, Walter Ryan, Robin Fankhauser, Doug Darnowski, Jim Woepfel, David Taylor, John Doyle, Chris Lang, Michele Zimmerman, Laura McIlvoy, James Beeby, Beth Eckerd, Donna Dahlgren,

Absent with Alternate: Tom Keefe (Jon Bingham), Uric Dufrene (Jay White), Jean Abshire (Yu Shen)

Absent without Alternate: Judy Myers, John Finnegan

Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council present: Gil Atnip, Steve Taksar, Ruth Garvey-Nix, Jay White, Marty Rosen, Flo Gonya, Kathleen Norvell, Sandra Gordon

Guest: Jerod Clapp, The Horizon Newspaper

Jan Williamson, Registrar

James Bonsall, SGA

Barnes & Noble reps: Marcia Stewart, Chris Peterson, Julie Faulds

Juanita Schickel, IUS Bookstore Manager

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. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Chancellor Patterson-Randles was absent; VC Gil Atnip filled in for her.

Atnip reported on several items in the Chancellor's behalf: 1) Enrollment- Atnip's numbers were unofficial. Bloomington will release numbers after a couple of weeks into the semester. As of the 7th day of classes we were ahead 5 students and behind 388 credit hours compared to the same time last year. Freshmen were down a little and seniors were down about 5% over last year, which he suspects is due to the decrease a few years back now working its way through the classes. Graduate students were up 6%.

Atnip called on Annette Wyandotte to report on the Blue Ribbon Committee on Salaries. Wyandotte stated there have been 5 meetings and that the committee has focused mainly on gathering information to find out what already exists. Guest presenters have been Ann Lee, Gil Atnip, Steve Taksar, Mike Kersteins and Larry Mand. Wyandotte reviewed the charge and mentioned some of the issues for consideration outlined by the Chancellor: a) should there be uniform sets of policies that apply to everyone; b) what benchmarks should we use and what makes a benchmark valid; c) what constitutes an inequity and how should equity adjustments be prioritized and by whom, etc.

Atnip reported the hiring of a new affirmative action officer, Darlene Young. She will be starting work on Jan. 22.

Atnip said the Chancellor and the budget committee have started work and the budget packages will soon go out to account managers. On Jan. 24, the Chancellor will give a budget presentation for faculty and staff.

Atnip moved on to his VC report. He said the North Central Association Reaccreditation Self-Study is moving along very well. Atnip & M. Rosen are co-coordinators. There are 5 working groups; they have been gathering

information and there will be an opportunity for the faculty to participate in the self study even if you are not a member of the working groups. Atnip urged and encouraged everyone to participate in this process to the fullest extent. He said the purpose of the self-study is not something to describe where the institution is but also to do some evaluation of where the institution is.

Lastly, Atnip called attention to the faculty policy that says: the final exam and/or other final assessment in a class is to be done during the final exam period. He said apparently, according to anecdotal reports he had received, this policy is not being universally respected. He will be sending out to the faculty a reminder of this policy.

Atnip asked for questions. Bjornson asked about the number of students who have signed up for housing. Garvey-Nix said they have 63 completed applications and contracts with deposit. She said they will be cranking up more marketing efforts and in March the model apartment will be available and at some point tours will be offered.

Bjornson for UFC: Bjornson said they discussed three issues: **1) Family Leave Policy**-the UFC is leaning toward having the President adopt the policy instead of running it through the Board of Trustees. This is the policy the Board rejected a few years back and they have decided the President has the authority to approve it. Wert said the policy isn't ready yet so it may be a while before the President gets it. **2) Intellectual Property Policy**-The President rejected this policy last year saying it was too long, complex and difficult to read. The UFC will now have a group rewrite it and assume that the previous approval will apply to the rewritten document. A reader from each campus will read the two documents and make sure the second one is substantively the same as the first document. Wert said Debbie Finkel read the documents from IUS and they are now with the appropriate people in Bloomington. **3) Credit Transfers**-Since this was coming up for a vote on the agenda for today Bjornson didn't comment.

Wert called on Forinash, Chair of APC, to place in motion Circular 08-6C, Advanced Placement Credits Proposal. The motion was seconded. Forinash gave a brief overview of the proposal. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Circular 08-6B, Concentration Proposal: Human Resources Management was presented by Forinash and placed in motion by Bjornson. Motion was seconded. Bingham explained that this new concentration resulted from CTE funding opportunities available last year. The concentration was proposed and approved and a new faculty member is being hired. The course will be offered in fall '08. There were no questions or comments. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Wert called for a motion for Circular 08-6D, a Resolution on Community College Transfer Credits. Motion was made and seconded. Atnip was asked to explain. He is a member of the Indiana University Academic Leadership Council, which is made up of VC of Academic Affairs from all the IU campuses. He said the Council had a lot of discussion of whether it would be desirable to have a university wide policy with regard to the number of credits accepted from community colleges for an IU degree. IUS has a policy of 60 credits, while most campuses had no policy. The Council concluded that in the interest of academic integrity and having meaning to an IU degree there should be a university wide policy and they settled on 64 credits because that is about half of most degrees more or less. Since academic policy is a product of the faculty the UFC was asked to consider adopting this policy and now in a vote the Faculty Senate will say yes or no to the UFC that we favor this and to persist with it. Atnip pointed out that the critical question here is having a uniform university wide policy that applies to all. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Wert call for a motion for Circular 08-6E, the 2009-2010 Academic Calendar. The motion was made and seconded. There was a brief discussion along with the correction of a couple of typographical errors. Jan

Williamson, registrar, was present to address questions and concerns. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

President's period: Wert spoke about the promotion and tenure proposal stating that it was signed by 100 faculty members. The petition was sent to David Malik with copies to President McRobbie, Charles Bantz and Gil Atnip. Malik acknowledged receipt of the proposal and indicated he is willing to be conciliatory particularly with the part regarding the six letters and the make-up of the committee. Lang moved Circular 08-6A, Promotion and Tenure for approval. The motion was seconded and the vote was taken and passed.

Wert called on Steve Taksar to introduce the representatives from Barnes & Noble. The reps gave an overview of the operation and took some specific questions from the faculty. They openly responded to the questions and dealt with the specifics of each question. They offered to meet and discuss any concerns on an individual basis at any time. They are currently addressing concerns about book orders, time in line at the store, books arriving two weeks into the semester, special reward programs from the old bookstore that have gone away and ISBN numbers. Marcia Stewart said they are working on a program with IU called Registration Integration, which would allow students to get ISBN numbers when they register for classes. She also said they have ordered two more cash registers to be installed and hopefully this will take care of the standing in line problem during a rush period. Chris Peterson pointed out that 12% of every dollar spent in the bookstore comes back to the IUS campus and this was confirmed by Taksar.

This concluded the discussion and Wert asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made and the meeting adjourned.