

Indiana University Southeast
Faculty Senate Minutes
April 3, 2008 08-9 2:45 p.m. UC 127

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

Absent with Alternate: Tim Ambrose (Christa Zorn), Judy Myers (Jackie Reid)

Absent without Alternate: Uric Dufrene, Walter Ryan, John Finnegan

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

Guest: Michael Jackman and Sara Hare

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 minutes were approved as written.

Chancellor's report: **1)** The Chancellor is going around and talking to the various school and will be doing the same for staff in May. **2)** The 1% reallocation mandated by the President and earmarked for retention and persistence to graduation was discussed. A plan is in place that will be submitted to the President by the end of April. She has sent an initial list of things to Institutional Research at IU; they will be contacting her in a few weeks with more information on those initiative in regard to what might be the most fruitful based on their data collection.

3) Enrollment & lodge applications and general admissions: right now summer applicants are down 26 students and summer admits down about 30 students. Applicants for fall 2008 are up 354 students (33.4%) and admits are up 225 students (26.6%) increase. Last week there were 146 applications for the residence halls and they are still coming in. 66% of those applications are totally new students; 32% are current students and 2% of them are returning students.

4) Facilities...there have been a lot of challenges with power outages, gas leaks and a water main break. Responding to these emergencies has been handled quickly and efficiently.

5) R & R projects...right after the spring semester the roof underneath the pavers in Hillside Hall will be replaced; the Hoosier Room is being re-carpeted along with painting and new wallboard and blinds; and Crestview has new carpet. The holdup in getting some of this work done is waiting for the architect's office because there are so many people in line with R&R projects.

6) Student housing is on schedule; two apartments have been decorated by Bed, Bath & Beyond. She encouraged everyone to arrange a tour. **7)** Budget hearings are completed and they are in the process of seeing who gets the little bit of money available. Data will be submitted to Bloomington in mid April. The budget will not be finalized until the Trustees vote on it. This concluded the Chancellor's report.

VC Atnip's report: He presented information regarding discussions at the State level about the associate degree initiative in Indiana. The policy makers, governor, legislature and Higher Education Commission intend for Ivy Tech to be the primary provider of associate's degrees. The community college is up and running, articulation agreements, agreements about transfer are all in place so now they are saying it is time to talk about the actual degree and who will offer it. There has been a lot of discussion about what associate degrees IU will continue to offer i.e. medical field and some arts related programs on the Bloomington campus and what will be phased out. IUS has five associate degrees and Purdue has some but they are in the phase out mode. This is envisioned as a five year process for discussion and review.

Atnip was asked in terms of accepting courses from Ivy Tech at IUS how have changes in enrollment remedial courses been impacted. He said he has seen very little change and one of the first things done was to cut the number of remedial courses offered and we don't have a lot of remedial courses left. This concluded Atnip's report.

Wert recognized Doug Barney.

Barney proposed that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee or an appropriate committee reexamine the ratio representation to the Senate. He said the faculty has increased over the years and now the schools are entitled to one senator for every eight faculty members. Barney thinks that perhaps the ratio could be along the line of one senator to every twelve faculty members. He thinks that perhaps the Senate could operate more efficiently and with less faculty time used if we had a smaller Senate. He proposed that the appropriate committee take a look at this next year.

Bjornson – UFC Report: The last meeting was a video conference without any voting. **1)** The Intellectual Properties policy is still being reviewed and they are apparently down to the last couple of items. The President's office will work with the UFC Faculty Affairs committee on any issues that they think need to be changed in that document. **2)** The Family Leave policy... The financial analysis is finished and it will go to the deans and chancellors for their review at meetings later this month. **3)** Promotion and Tenure committee...UFC has formed the committee that is going to look at promotion and tenure and is charged to have a report by the end of this calendar year which the UFC will then take a look at in the spring. **4)** At our next meeting we are going to look at a revision of the Student Code of Conduct.

Wert called for Circular 08-9A from the Academic Assessment Committee, which was a by-law change. The change was in some of the wording to more accurately describe the current work of the committee explained by Jackie Reid, chair of the committee. After a short discussion Wert said this was the first reading and the vote will be taken at the next meeting.

The next item was Circular 08-9B, approval of the May and August graduates. A motion was made and seconded. The motion passed with one abstention.

The last item on the agenda was Circular 08-7A, the by-law change for elimination of the Women and Gender Studies Committee. Wert called for questions or comments. Christa Zorn, former coordinator of this committee, gave a comprehensive overview of the work and intent of

the committee and how it had benefited those students interested in women's or gender studies. Since IUS doesn't have any real women and gender studies courses the coordinator and the committee always have to coordinate the courses and cross list the courses. Other things that the committee has been involved in is the IU Women's Studies Undergraduate Research Conference, community work, organizing Women's History Month, outside speakers; she said the women's studies program is much more comprehensive than just the concentration.

The track has been moved to the Social Sciences Department and Dean Staten mention how he had been involved in the negotiations and that the committee had agreed at the time that there was a need for them to disband and thus the Social Sciences Department gave the women and gender studies a home. Sara Hare, who teaches in the Social Sciences Department, commented that Sociology started the gender studies concentration last year when it was approved through the Senate and that they are excited to have within sociology a gender studies track. They have made it slightly interdisciplinary so the students are required to take one gender related class in arts and sciences and one in social sciences not sociology. She stated that it does have a flavor of interdisciplinary work but it is a sociology major. She was in full support of keeping the committee going.

After comments from several other individuals along with the suggestion that perhaps next year the committees charge be revised the vote was called. The motion to eliminate the Women and Gender Studies Committee was defeated.

Wert called for a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned.