

Indiana University Southeast
Faculty Senate Minutes
January 15, 2009 09-6 2:45 p.m. UC 127

Members present: Leigh Viner, Angela Salas, Bryan Hall, Rebecca Carlton, Liam Felsen, Chris Bjornson, Yan He, David Eplion, Doug Barney, Ken Taurman, William Jamski, Walter Ryan, Fran Squires, Robin Fankhauser, Melanie Hughes, Doug Darnowski, Elaine Haub, John Doyle, David Taylor, Michele Zimmerman, Pam Connerly, Laura McIlvoy, James Beeby, Donna Dahlgren

Absent with Alternate: Kelly Ryan (Todd Manson), Jean Abshire (Robert Lennartz)

Absent without Alternate: Debra Clem, Jacquelyn Reid, John Finnegan

Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council present: Chancellor Patterson-Randles, Gil Atnip, Ruth Garvey-Nix, Jay White, Kathleen Norvell, Greg Roberts, Sandra Gordon, Bill McGuire, Greg Roberts

Guests: VC Larry Mand

Chris Bjornson presided in the absence of President Joe Wert. Bjornson called the meeting to order. The roll was passed with instructions to sign for yourself or indicate if you were attending for someone else. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved as read.

Chancellor Patterson-Randles gave an update on the budget. 1) The Governor has mandated cuts this fiscal year because of a \$700 million dollar revenue shortfall and this does not include anything which may come up in the biennium budget deliberations. 2) We are supposed to have a 1% cut in our basic operational budget midyear, which was not planned. 3) Some months ago some possibilities for cutting our budget were submitted to IU Central Administration and last week President McRobbie directed this cut in our annual budget. She anticipates this being achievable. The decision has not been made as to where the cut will be but she says there are some one time expenditures that they will be able to cut. This is not in the base budget but the one time budget. 4) We are being required to reduce this year's spending by approximately \$200,000. More information will follow on this as decisions are made. 5) Biennial deliberations are coming up shortly. There will be recommendations from the university, from the Indiana Commission of Higher Education and also the Governor's recommendations. Then everyone starts vying for the dollars. The Chancellor said the budget situation is basically a wait and see what happens. There will not be anything final until the end of April or later. She assured that the campus will be kept informed of these deliberations.

6) Regarding enrollment: spring enrollment is up about 6% and credit hours are up about 7.5%. These are ballpark figures and final numbers will be given when the census is completed. She commented that it has been a long time since this has happened at IUS. She thanked everyone for their hard work to make this a reality and to continue to grow with the positive message about IUS that is out in the community. 7) The Clark-Floyd County Convention and Tourism Bureau gave a donation of \$200,000 to IUS and this will be used for the athletic facilities. 8) The new annual report is out and the Chancellor is very pleased with the publication and mentioned that of all the regional campuses IUS had the highest amount of fund raising and in the history of IUS there were more donors and more alumni donors than ever. 9) She welcomed Dana Wavle, the new VC for Administration and Finance to the campus.

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

Spring 2009

48 students moved out in December. Collected exit surveys from most of them, but have not completed the analysis yet.

35 students moved in for Spring term. Some were students who were here in the fall, while others are new to IU Southeast. Still waiting on one this weekend.

3 Ivy Tech students (up from 2 in fall). All three plan to enroll at IU Southeast in the near future.

5 current residents appear on the not-enrolled. We're checking regularly. We sent them letters indicating they need to be out by Friday or get enrolled.

360 students are currently living on campus including the 10 CAs (5% net loss). A typical fall-to-spring net loss is 7-10%? In December, we had 369 (96% of our opening occupancy). Net loss of 5.5% Fall opening to Spring Opening. Net loss December to Opening January is 2.5% (9 students). Very good. Had some mid-semester assignments.

Summer 2009

Will begin marketing to current residents and students in March. Will market to visiting students from other schools. Goal is 75 Summer School residents to fill Meadow Lodge with wiggle-room. Have 28 12-month contracts now.

Fall 2009

Marketing pieces under production including direct-mail post cards for admitted students.

Will continue new-admit mailings in coordination with Admissions.

Rather than market heavily to current students (awareness is already there) we will market more to parents this year.

Currently have 38 applications for fall 2009 (41 last year at this time so we are on track---not a concern as we haven't done a new admit mailing for Fall 2009 yet).

They continue to do a lot of marketing in various ways. They are marketing to outside groups for summer programs, conferences, youth camps, etc. She said things have gone amazingly well. After the first semester of students living on campus, there was very little maintenance that had to be done to prepare for the next group coming for the spring semester.

Bjornson called on Larry Mand to give some updates from IT. Mand alluded to the network capacity issues that occurred at the beginning of the fall semester and how that problem was alleviated by doubling the off campus network band width. The campus is beginning to experience the same problem again even with the doubled capacity. The campus will be connected to the I-Light network in a week or so and this will increase the band width and capacity tenfold and possibly a hundredfold in the future. There are some accounts and administrative issues that have to be dealt with and Mand said the policy is in place for this and the IT folks will also be working individually with faculty and staff to resolve any issues that occur.

Bjornson called for VC Atnip's report. Atnip said they are working on the self-study for the Higher Learning Commission of the NCA. They are receiving reports from the five working groups and the writing group is starting the task of putting the report together. They are also working on a date for Dr. John Taylor, our staff liaison with the Higher Ed. Commission, to visit the campus. Atnip said they are putting together a communication plan around the self-study; this will be very important as we near the time of the team visit in March 2010.

Bjornson gave the UFC report. 1) The University legal counsel had a few problems with the Intellectual Properties Policy that was drafted and they are working with the UFC Agenda Committee to resolve these issues. 2) The Higher Education Reauthorization Act was discussed and the presenter said, "of course we have no idea how this is going to shake out because of the change in administration." Going forward we will have to put a lot of information on our website i.e. cost, safety, number of assaults, burglaries and ISBN numbers for all books that are used. The government is going to have a website where they will list the highest and lowest cost universities in the country. 3) The person in central administration who signed the contract with Barnes & Noble gave a presentation. IUS was the only campus who had the B&N rep visit and dialogue about the issues we were having. The other campuses had compiled a report of their problems. IUS was praised for being proactive. 4) The UFC will be voting soon on a Learning Technologies Steering Committee. 5) The co-chair indicated there were minor changes to the Student Code, which will come back to the UFC for a vote. Bjornson asked that all the campuses have an opportunity to see the revisions before the UFC votes and he thinks that point was made.

The next item on the agenda was Circular 09-5A, a change to the Honors Council By-Laws. This would allow the Honors Council to have an honors student representative on the council who would be selected by the Honors Program Student Advisory Board. This being the second reading the vote was taken and the motion passed.

The next item was Circular 09-6A, an action item from the General Education Committee. The motion was made and seconded. There was a lengthy discussion regarding outcomes and how they apply to different disciplines, assessment, and possibly rewriting the outcomes, etc. At the end of the discussion the vote was taken and the motion passed.

The last item on the agenda was an information item, Circular 09-6B, a Proposal of Revision to the Minor in Business. Bjornson, speaking for the School of Business, said that over time pre-reqs had changed in certain courses and there were a lot of hidden required courses in their minor. They have taken out the courses that had those hidden pre-reqs and put the pre-reqs on the list so that now when you take the courses on the list you will be able to get the minor and not have to find other courses that you need to first take. The minor also aligns better with the foundation requirements for the MBA. Bjornson asked for discussion. There was none and a vote was not required.

Bjornson announced that the Faculty Senate meeting for February will be held in Knobview, Room 230-236 due to the Trustees meeting on campus.

Bjornson asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made and seconded and the meeting adjourned.