

Indiana University Southeast
Faculty Senate Minutes
March 19, 2009, 2:45 p.m. 09-8 UC127

Members present: Leigh Viner, Angela Salas, Rebecca Carlton, Bryan Hall, Liam Felsen, Debra Clem, Chris Bjornson, David Eplion, Ken Taurman, William Jamski, Walter Ryan, Fran Squires, Robin Fankhauser, Melanie Hughes, Doug Darnowski, Elaine Haub, David Taylor, Michele Zimmerman, Pam Connerly, Jacqueline Reid, James Beeby, Kelly Ryan, Donna Dahlgren, Jean Abshire

Absent with Alternate: Yan He (Jon Bingham), Doug Barney (Jay White)

Absent without Alternate: John Finnegan, John Doyle, Laura McIlvoy

Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council present: Chancellor Patterson-Randles, Gil Atnip, Ruth Garvey-Nix, Dana Wavle, Ben Nassim, Jay White, Marty Rosen, Kathleen Norvell, Greg Roberts, Sandra Gordon, Bill McGuire, Flo Gonya,

Guests: Anne Skuce, Leslie Staggers, Joanna Jarboe, Jodie Beatty, Chris Crews, Michelle Turner

President Wert 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.

Chancellor Patterson-Randles report: The Chancellor gave several updates as follows: **1) Enrollment** – Summer applications are up 21.3% or 36 students; admits are up 20.2% or 17 students; fall applications are up 14.5%, which is 185 students, admits are up 19.8%, which is 187 students. Also there are large increases in the number of applicants and admits of both African American and Hispanic students. **2) Housing** – As of last Friday we had 225 students enrolled for housing which is 58% of our revenue target and 62% of our occupancy target. Of the 225 students that are enrolled 50% are new and 50% are returning students. She said for the middle of March we are doing extremely well. **3) Legislative** – She doesn't think much is going on now in terms of ultimate decision making. The House budget that was forwarded provided for a 1% operating increase kind of across the board plus enrollment change funding for eligible campuses. The IU and Purdue University Innovation Alliance were fully funded at \$35 million dollars and at this point all capital projects that were submitted were supported. She said this included our Education-Purdue Technology building. The final resolution on the budget will come through conference committee process at the end of the sessions, which is supposed to be the end of April. **4) State revenue** – The media reported state revenue for February was down \$42 million from the forecast. February revenues were 10% less than February 2008. To put this in perspective we have only experienced three years in which revenues have been negative like this in the past 25 years. **5) Strategic Plan** – The committee has been meeting to review progress on the 5 year plan and then roll it over and come up with a new strategic plan before we have our NCA visit next spring. Of the 212 initiatives 75% of those have been completed or completed and ongoing. Another 20% are substantially in progress and to be completed and only 5% or 11 initiatives were dismissed or not attempted at all because they were not appropriate at the time. She feels remarkable progress has been made on the plan and that we will be in solid shape for the NCA. **6) Your help** – Under Goal #6 of the plan she would like to have a special section to highlight the many awards, honors, rankings, etc. that this institution has had since the advent of the Strategic Plan. As you think of individuals, programs, special projects, regional honors, national or international rankings please send this information to Jenny Wolfe so it can be placed in a special list of accomplishments.

Atnip's Report: Atnip did not have anything to report and he asked for questions. There were no questions for Atnip.

Bjornson-UFC Report: 1) Budgetary items discussed: IU Foundation has increased its goal to \$1.1 billion for this year; A committee will be looking at controlling health care costs and the communication for this will come through the Fringe Benefits Committee on each campus. Since IUS does not have a fringe benefits committee some other committee will interact with them. 2) Potential changes to the Student Code were discussed. The change is to allow students to have representation i.e. advisors, at all stages of the hearings, which Bjornson said he reads this as lawyers. He said much of the discussion centered around opposition to this. The change would mean that the advisor would actually be the one who would be talking for the student. When the document came to the Board of Trustees they inserted a sentence which said that campuses are allowed to write a campus regulation that would allow an advisor at the final hearing. This proposal is to change that from the final hearing to any hearing. Several spoke up and said they thought the current way works fine and were opposed to lawyers being involved.

President Wert's Report: 1) Wert introduced Flo Gonya, outgoing president of the SGA. She thanked the Senate for their support during her tenure. 2) Wert recalled that last month the Senate passed a resolution regarding the promotion and tenure memo from President McRobbie. Wert received a letter from President McRobbie thanking him for transmitting the resolution passed by the Senate but declining to reconsider his December 5, 2008 memorandum concerning promotion and tenure notification procedures. After a lengthy discussion Wert reminded everyone that the President will be here on March 31st for the UFC meeting. Bjornson said everyone is invited to attend but if you have questions you must submit them before the meeting. 3) Wert mentioned the P&T document and said it would be taken up later on the agenda. 4) The April 2, meeting of the Senate there will be the election of a new president, executive committee and nominating committee. This concluded Wert's report.

Wert called for a motion for Circular 09-8A, new course request, A&L- L499 Senior Independent Study. The motion was made and seconded. There was no discussion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Circulars 09-8B, 09-8C, and 09-8D, course change requests, were presented as a group. The motion was seconded and the motion passed with no discussion.

Circular 09-8E, Proposal: Admissions Application Deadline was placed in motion. The motion was seconded. Jon Bingham, from the School of Business and the IUS Advisor's Council, introduced the proposal. There was a lengthy debate on the merits of setting a clear deadline when applications should come in that start the process for getting new students into the courses they need. There was some concrete data presented as well as anecdotal data. The proposal does contain an exception clause. After much debate someone made a motion to call the question. The motion passed. Wert called for the vote and the proposal passed with 14 yes and 8 no and 1 abstention.

Circular 09-8F, Recommendations from Budgetary Affairs Committee for FY2010 was presented. The circular was placed in motion and seconded. There was no discussion. The vote was taken and the motion passed with one dissenting vote.

Wert called for Circular 09-8G, a discussion item on Principles for Promotion & Tenure Procedures (a draft). Wert said at the next meeting of the UFC they may or may not take a vote depending on whether campuses have had time to look at it. It was suggested that this issue be dealt with after the Town Hall Meeting on March 30, when the larger faculty has had an opportunity to express their views. This was the general consensus of the Senate and Wert said this is what will happen.

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

