

Indiana University Southeast
Faculty Senate Minutes, April 16, 2009, 2:45 p.m. 09-10 UC127

Members present: Leigh Viner, 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, John Doyle, David Taylor, Michele Zimmerman, Pam Connerly, Jacqueline Reid, James Beeby, Donna Dahlgren,

Absent with Alternate: Angela Salas (Michael Abernethy), Doug Barney (Jay White), Kelly Ryan (Stephanie Bower)

Absent without Alternate: John Finnegan, Yan He, Laura McIlvoy, Jean Abshire

Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council present: Gil Atnip, Ruth Garvey-Nix, Dana Wavle, Jay White, Ben Nassim, Kathleen Norvell, Greg Roberts, Saundra Gordon, Bill McGuire, James Bonsall

Guests: Brenda Hackett, Kent Edmonds

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.

Atnip's Report: 1) Enrollment and admissions update: Applications continue to run ahead of last year. Applications for summer are up 19% and admissions are up 12%; applications for fall are up 12% and admissions are up 14%. We got our first reports this week of enrollment and enrollment for summer I, as of this past Monday, was up 7.3% over last year and enrollment for fall, as of this past Tuesday, was up 8.1%. Right now on both the application and admission front things are looking pretty robust and we will see how this plays out as the summer goes along. 2) Budget: Indiana Senate passed its version of the budget bill and on the surface it looks quite good for us. They are recommending in the first year of the biennium an increase of \$136,000 in our appropriations, which is .007 of 1%. Only two other campuses got any increase. Governor Daniels has expressed displeasure with the Senate since they used federal stimulus money to plug the hole in the State budget. The crucial event occurs tomorrow when the April revenue forecast for the next two years is produced by the State Budget Agency.

Atnip called on Garvey-Nix for an update on housing. Currently there are 271 signed contracts for the upcoming fall semester. That number is made up of 154 new students (first time to IU Southeast) and 117 returning residents. This is about a 57/43 percent split. We are at 74% of our occupancy target and well ahead of where we were this time last year. It looks like that next year we will again have a majority of new students living on campus and we have 43% or 117 residents returning. That is a good percentage and will help the new students with their adjustment and understanding of what the expectations for behavior and cultural norms are. In response to a question Garvey-Nix said there were 399 total beds and 389 are revenue generating spaces (advisor beds are not revenue generating). The budget target is to fill 364 of the 389.

UFC: There was no report since the UFC had not met since our last Senate meeting.

President Wert called for Circular 09-10A, from the Gen Ed Committee, Approval of SPCH-S122 Interpersonal Communication for the approved course list for Diversity. Motion was made and seconded. Following a brief discussion the vote was taken and the motion passed.

Circular 09-10B, Proposed Changes to the Student Complaint & Disciplinary Procedures, was an information item presented by VC Garvey-Nix. She reviewed the changes, which she said were not significant. There was some discussion.

Wert called for Circular 09-10C, Persistence Survey Report & Recommendations, from the Recruitment and Retention Committee. The motion was made and seconded. A question was presented regarding recommendation #2 to amend the student and recruitment charge to include...and it was pointed out that constitutes a by-law change and would have to be done in two consecutive meetings. Since this was the last Senate meeting for the year this could not be accomplished. A motion was made to strike #2 with the understanding that the committee could bring it to next year's Senate when it could be dealt with appropriately. President Wert asked for a second on the amendment. He then called for discussion on the amendment. There was no discussion; the vote was taken and the amendment passed.

The discussion was then focused on #1 of the document. The question was asked as to how the position of a full-time coordinator would differ from the enrollment management position. Hackett explained this position's focus is much wider than enrollment management. If you look at persistence related to it, it isn't just a certain department it is faculty and staff across campus. When you look at the role of the coordinator it has a much broader scope. Hackett was asked if there is a person dedicated part-time to this work and she said yes, someone in the Academic Success Center devotes about 20% of their time. VC Atnip was asked from an administration point of view if he thought this is a necessary thing particularly with the changes that are going on. Atnip said the administration asked the SRRC to look at this issue and commented that they have done a thorough job but this does not address the issue of whether or not we can fund it. But at least the recommendations are in place.

The question was asked about the level of the position. Hackett said the committee agreed that it needs to be a high enough level for the position to have an impact. Another question was asked about 1-P regarding the person in the position being an ex-officio member of the SRRC. Hackett asked that be struck stating that she would not like for that to be an issue at this point. That was accepted as a friendly amendment and struck from the document. The last question asked was if it would be more appropriate for the position to report to student affairs rather than academic affairs. Hackett said the committee felt that academic affairs was more appropriate because academics are the underpinning of all of this. Wert called for the vote to amend Circular 09-10C as discussed. Passed.

Wert called for a motion on the P&T document which would instruct Chris Bjornson and him to either vote for or against this document at the next UFC meeting. The motion was made and seconded. Wert pointed out that this has now become a list of principles rather than recommendations and if these principles are adopted each campus would be asked to make a good faith effort to adopt them over the next year and in April 2010 these would be revisited and another discussion could occur. After a very lengthy and thorough discussion of the principles the vote was taken. There was unanimous opposition and the motion was defeated.

Wert called for new business. Bjornson, representing the Executive Committee, presented outgoing president, Joe Wert, with a framed proclamation in appreciation of his service and dedication to the Faculty Senate over the past two years. Bjornson read aloud the proclamation. Jamski then expressed thanks to Bjornson for his many years of service in multiple roles in faculty governance on this campus and to Grace Gullett, Senate Secretary for her work for the Senate.

Greg Roberts was recognized to ask if Circular 09-10A was retroactive. Atnip said it goes into effect the semester after it is approved.

Wert asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned.