

Indiana University Southeast
Faculty Senate Minutes
September 17, 2009 10-3 UC127
Fran Squires, President

Members present: President Squires, George Harvey, Jack Ramey, Rebecca Carlton, Bill Sweigart, Liam Felsen, Brian Harper, Chris Bjornson, Johnny Alse, Yan He, David Eplion, Tom Lambert, Bill Jamski, Robin Fankhauser, Jim Hollenbeck, Kathy Criswell, Melanie Hughes, Victor Waingeh, Elaine Haub, John Doyle, David Taylor, Sridhar Ramachandran, Pam Connerly, Jackie Reid, Bill Farrell, Donna Dahlgren, Jean Abshire

Absent with Alternate: Kelly Ryan (Joe Wert)

Absent without Alternate: John Finnegan, Luz Huntington-Moskos, David Eplion

Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council present: Chancellor Patterson-Randles, Gil Atnip, Ruth Garvey-Nix, Dana Wavle, Emmanuel Otu, Kate Moore for Marty Rosen, Kathleen Norvell, Greg Roberts, Bill McGuire, James Bonsall, SGA, Sandra Gordon, Joe Wert, UFC

Guests: Valerie Scott, Ron Dunlop, Lea Schoen

President Squires 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 to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved as read.

Chancellor's Report: The Chancellor was pleased to report that IUS has again shattered enrollment records. This year saw the highest enrollment in Southeast's history with 6,840 students, 124 more than the previous high of 6,716 in the fall of 2002 and 358 students greater than last fall's enrollment of 6,482. Other areas showing increases are: freshman class, credit hours, minority student, and African American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian American, and Hispanic enrollments, beginning minority students, non-resident and reciprocity students. The Chancellor attributed the growth to various factors, including residence halls, affordability, programming and an influx of older students seeking careers after losing jobs.

She took some questions regarding the rapid growth on campus, the budget and housing. (1) At one point there were 50 people on waiting lists for housing but currently there is not a waiting list. (2) What percentage of the students this year were here last year and what percentage of those are still here or have they left IUS? This data is currently being gathered by Institutional Research. (3) Growth was thought to happen in a slow, steady process but it has become rapid. How will it be handled in the future if it continues? Hopefully, the data we are now able to gather will help us in the planning process going forward. We may have to establish some more deadlines. (4) Regarding the budget...in the past we have seen increases in the budget with increased enrollment. This will depend if our base budget is restored by the State Legislature.

The Chancellor stated there are four major goals that must be focused on heavily this year. (1) The rollover of our Strategic Plan which is in process; (2) Prepare the campus for the NCA visit; (3) Continue the integration of residence life on campus; (4) The Purdue-Education building.

IUS has recently acquired The Hausfeldt Complex, a three acre track with 7 metal buildings in back of the softball field. This purchase was funded by the IU Foundation with IUS making lease payments. Wavle, VC of Administrative Affairs, said this was built into the budget because the purchase was anticipated and will be very doable. These buildings will be used for storage and hopefully make it possible to free up some space on campus.

Soon you will be receiving all the vision statements that are floating around campus for an online vote. The top three choices will go to the Strategic Planning Committee to come up with one that the campus endorses most heavily as our vision statement. This needs to be done as part of the NCA prep work.

VC Atnip's Report: Atnip reported on the NCA visit scheduled for March 1-3, 2010. He encouraged everyone to read the self-study and to chime in with your thoughts and opinions.

Atnip passed around the results of the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) which IUS participated in last spring. Atnip reviewed some of the results and discussed how IUS compared with peer institutions. Overall, in most categories, IUS ranked quite well and this data will be very useful going forward.

UFC Report-Joe Wert: The first meeting of the UFC will be September 22, which will be President McRobbie's State of the University address. This year the UFC meetings will be held via video conferencing. This will save time, resources and hopefully will be an easier way to get a quorum for the meetings which has been a problem in the past.

Bjornson asked Wert to have the UFC look at the impact of 18-20 on our budget. Bjornson thinks 18-20 will have an impact on our budget until around 2020-2021 and the UFC will have to request that report.

President Squires Report: She welcomed everyone and thanked them for serving as Senators. She said our theme this year is to pass the North Central review.

President Squires called for a motion from the Nominating Committee to confirm Leigh Viner as chair of the WGS Committee. The motion was made and seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Next on the agenda was Circular 10-3A, a by-law change for the Academic Success Center. The motion was made and seconded. A discussion ensued on the process of electing members to this committee and also the name change of the committee to Academic Advising Committee. This was a first reading and the vote will be taken at the October 15, Senate meeting.

Circular 10-3B, Request for New Credit Certificate Program in Liberal Studies, was placed in motion and seconded. Debbie Finkel was present to explain the procedural steps required for this certificate and also the process if the student decided to go forward and get the MLS degree. After discussion and clarification of the process the vote was taken and the motion passed.

President Squires asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned.