

School of Social Sciences Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2009

Those present:

Jean Abshire, James Beeby, Stephanie Bower, Dana Creamer, Bernardo Carducci, Donna Dahlgren, Aimee Edison, William Farrell, Deborah Finkel, Sara Hare, Meghan Kahn, Brigitte LeNormand, Todd Manson, Robin Morgan, Greg Phipps, Kelly Ryan, Jim St. Clair, Dean Clifford Staten, Kristin Tennyson, Joe Wert, Diane Wille and Lucinda Woodward.

Dean Staten opened the meeting by welcoming everyone back for the 2009 academic year. Each person was given an IUS knowledge quiz as he/she entered the room. Answers to the multiple-choice quiz questions were quite surprising and illuminating.

Dean Staten also noted that North Central Accreditation Association will be on campus and may make unannounced visits to faculty in hallways and other areas to ask about our campus. Be prepared.

At the Executive Council meeting on Monday enforcement of the Campus Smoking Policy beginning November 1st was announced. Warnings, fines, and community service were mentioned as part of the enforcement. More details will be upcoming.

Three faculty searches are ongoing: 2 positions for Criminal Justice and 1 position for Political Science. Please try to attend the candidates' presentations in the Spring when they visit campus.

An external reviewer will be on campus during the fall semester reviewing the Sociology Program and the Journalism Program will begin their review in the near future.

Please review your syllabus and attendance policy in case of a H1N1 outbreak on campus. We may need a more lenient policy in this case.

Social Science Forum - Brigitte LeNormand

Brigitte LeNormand distributed the Mission Statement of the Forum and spoke about the purpose and format of the meetings. In January, Jean Abshire and Brigitte LeNormand will be showing a movie entitled, "A Sick Around the World". The Fall Forum was very successful with over 100 in attendance. Please approach committee members in person or via email to propose topics for future forums.

Social Science Strategic Plan - Cliff Staten

Dean Staten noted that the committee worked very hard to compile all suggestions from SSCI faculty into a plan which was quite an ambitious undertaking. The SSCI Strategic Plan meshes nicely with the IU Southeast

Strategic Plan. The committee urges a vote on the plan as a whole rather than specific sections separately. Please look at each portion and give your input to the committee before the vote during the October School Meeting. The committee will look at all suggestions and input to evaluate them in regard to the plan before the vote is taken on the document as a whole.

AWhat can you do with a SSCI degree?@ - Cliff Staten

Jim Kanning has offered to do all legwork (invitations, planning, etc.) for any SSCI discipline who would like to offer a AWhat can you do?@ Program for your students. This is a great offer for each discipline in the SSCI.

Research Support Group - Sara Hare

Sara Hare asked if any others were interested in beginning a group to help Junior Faculty in the research area. Contact Sara if you=re interested.

Announcements:

Bernie Olson broke her hip and will be about 2 more weeks. Faculty have been very helpful filling in for Bernie=s classes while she is recovering.

With no further business or announcements, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.