

School of Social Sciences Meeting
October 10, 2007

Those present:

Jean Abshire, Ronald Allman, Benjamin Asare, James Beeby, Stephanie Bower, Dana Creamer, Lizabeth Eckerd, William Farrell, Linda Gugin, Sara Hare, Thomas Kotulak, Robert Lennartz, Billy Long, Robin Morgan, Bernadette Olson, Greg Phipps, Kelly Ryan, James St. Clair, Yu Shen, and Dean Cliff Staten.

Dean Staten welcomed all to the meeting. He asked for volunteers for the Campus Review Committee on Tenure and the Campus Review Committee on Promotion. Stephanie Bower was nominated for the Campus Review Committee on Tenure and James St. Clair was nominated for the Campus Review Committee on Promotion. Hearing no other nominations Dean Staten proclaimed them to be elected.

Dean Staten then asked for nominations for the Blue Ribbon Committee on Salaries noting that the work of this committee would be intense due to the short period of time before the salary recommendations would be due in early 2008. There is no remuneration for this committee work and asking an adjunct to participate seems excessive. The Chancellor has requested five persons to be nominated from each School. The categories are as follows: Full Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Lecturer and Adjunct Professor/Instructor. Dean Staten also noted that there may not be a person nominated in each category. Those nominated were: Full Professor - Sam Sloss; Associate Professor - William Farrell; Assistant Professor - Robert Lennartz; Lecturer - none; Adjunct Professor/Instructor - names may be submitted to Dean Staten and he will contact the persons to ascertain if they are interested. These names will be reported to the Chancellor and she will choose the committee.

Trustees Teaching Award:

Robert Lennartz reported that the Trustees Teaching Award Committee had concerns about the fact that some applicants were very strong in the classroom with good student evaluations and good data, etc., but were short on publishing or other areas. Since this is a teaching award, the committee reworked the application with a new weighting scheme. In doing so, they considered putting more focus on the teaching/classroom portion of the application than on the professional development and leadership portions. After explaining the rationale for reworking the application, Robert asked for comments.

The consensus of the School was that the new application was a positive change, some even using the word Aexcellent.® Two questions posed were why the points added to 95 instead of 100 (urging the last 5 points be added to area II - Evidence of student learning and teaching effectiveness) and why criteria came only from one previous year instead of multiple previous years.

Robert said that he agreed with adding 5 points to equal 100 and that he also agreed with adding

the last 5 points to area II on the application. He also said that the award is presented annually, therefore only the data from the previous year may be used.

Another suggestion offered regarding area III on the application (Professional Development) was when a workshop, presentation, etc., is attended, tell what you learned or how you profited instead of just saying you attended.

Robert noted that he would report to the committee all comments/concerns submitted to him. Please email him with any additional comments or concerns.

Announcements:

Dean Staten reported that mid-term grades must be submitted on One Start for freshmen. If no students are listed when you log-in you have no freshmen who need grades to be reported. You must use ONE START to report these grades. The question was asked whether students could see the grades after they are reported on One Start. Dean Staten reported that he had been told that students could not see the grades. One way to make sure students see the grades is to also put their grades on Oncourse for them. Dana Creamer offered to check with Jan Williamson when she meets with her later in the week and report her findings to the faculty.

Dean Staten noted that he will be out of town from Thursday afternoon, October 11th, until Sunday, October 14th. If you need a recommendation letter done, leave it in the office and he will try to complete it by the due date.

There is one more seat available at the Social Sciences table for the Chancellor=s Medallion Dinner. Contact Dean Staten if you are interested in attending.

A question was posed regarding the mandatory meeting of faculty with the Chancellor. What is it?

Dean Staten noted that in the email regarding the meeting he had quoted the Chancellor=s request to mention things about IUS of which we are proud. He also noted that he felt that the faculty should bring up anything they feel comfortable addressing with the Chancellor. He encouraged the faculty to go and speak freely. Three-fourths of the faculty will be attending the 4:30 p.m. meeting, while one-fourth will attend the 8:00 a.m. meeting.

Some faculty expressed concern about further upcoming technology changes. The whole system will be upgraded again soon. Dean Staten recommended that faculty express concerns and comments to Larry Mand about timing and number of changes occurring simultaneously.

With no further questions or discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.