Members present: Ron Finkbine, President, Anne Allen, Jamie Kauffman, Liam Felsen, Jon Bingham, Doug Barney, Tom Keefe, William Jamski, Robin Fankhauser, Doug Darnowski, James Woeppe1, John Doyle, David Treves, Kent Edmonds, Chris Lang, Jacquelyn Reid, Judy Myers, Ben Asare, Greg Phipps, Beth Ecker1, Jean Abshire, Alan South, Sarah Zurhellen

Absent with Alternate: Tim Ambrose (Christa Zorn), David Eplion (Chris Bjornson), James Hollenbeck (Lee Morganett), Jeanette Nunnelley (Walter Ryan), Jim Jenkins (Gabrielle Carr), Jaared Taylor (Marc Beatty)

Absent without Alternate: Michael Abernethy

Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council present: Chancellor Patterson-Randles, Gil Atnip, Ruth Garvey-Nix, Anne Wyandotte, Chris Bjornson, Marty Rosen, Ben Nassim, Mimi McKay, Kathleen Norvell, Rick French

Guests: Angela Salas, Sheying Chen, Skip Cady, Debra Voyles

Ron Finkbine, President called the meeting to order. The roll was passed with instructions to sign for yourself and indicate if you were attending for someone else. A motion was made to approve the minutes. There was one correction. The first line on page 3, lists James Hollenbeck as giving the explanation and justification for Circular 07-3B and it was Lee Morganett, who was filling in for Hollenbeck. The minutes were approved.

President Finkbine called on Chancellor Patterson-Randles for her report. She mentioned that she had just attended a very nice Founder’s Day luncheon. She reported on the September Trustees meeting. 1) Dr. Herbert noted that both fall enrollment and transfers at Southeast and South Bend experienced increases. 2) With a focus on efficiency, the Trustees have asked the University to look at outsourcing some of the non-academic programs and presently they are looking at the motor pool. 3) The searches currently going on in Bloomington are for the Alumni Association president, IU Foundation president and IU president. IU is also seeking nominations for a student Trustee. 4) Among project approvals, many were associated with Bloomington athletics; South Bend had housing approved; and there was a presentation for signage for our sports complex on Hausfeldt Lane. 5) Approved criteria for the establishment of new campuses and instructional centers.

In the Capital Appropriations budget IU is asking for $80 million dollars from the State for life sciences basically calling for 460 jobs in life sciences with the economic impact felt in the billions of dollars. Pathways to Success, K-12, in science technology and mathematics outreach initiative IU is asking for $5 million as a base budget for that initiative. Also, they are asking for $1.9 million in base appropriation for Columbus to increase academic programs.

She reported the quest for a longer reciprocity agreement continues with a recent visit by a number of institutional representatives from Indiana to Frankfort, KY to address the Kentucky Council of Postsecondary Educational. The Council polled the presidents of the Kentucky institutions as to whether they agreed with tuition reciprocity and all those represented said they did agree with tuition reciprocity. Chancellor Patterson-Randles spoke on behalf of the Indiana institutions regarding reciprocity and hopefully an eight to ten year agreement will be adopted in the very near future.
The Chancellor’s last item was a report on student housing for this campus. The proposal has been completed and presented to the vice presidents and just recently to President Herbert. After his approval it will be on the agenda of the Board of Trustees at their November 2, meeting. After the Board’s approval it goes on to the Council on Higher Education for approval and then to the State Budget Committee. She said if all goes well we have the potential for ground breaking by next summer and having housing open for students by fall of 2008.

Vice Chancellor Atnip reported on the Common Experience events of the past three weeks and those that are scheduled. He encouraged folks to attend and to encourage students to attend as well.

Rick French, UFC representative gave his report. 1) In Faculty Affairs the non-tenure track policy will be reviewed. It has been 5 years since lecture track categories were approved by the UFC and those policies may just need fine tuning. 2) Research Affairs Committee needs to finalize the Intellectual Properties Policy, which needs UFC approval, hopefully at the next meeting. 3) Labor studies issue may be one of the items for the October UFC. 4) Chancellor’s review – Trustees were on the verge of approving a policy but there were still issues regarding procedures used to gather information and the confidentiality of same. Trustees deferred action for a month giving the Academic Affairs Committee a chance to formulate an approach to gathering information before the review. 5) Transferability and general education at IU – the Trustees approved a resolution on the topic of university level general education and set a deadline of February 1, for the IU faculty to produce something that could be viewed as a program for gen ed for all of IU. IUS & IUSB have established their gen ed requirements and many of the other campuses are working on theirs. This is in response to a State wide initiative by the State Legislature that requires the identification of at least a minimum of 70 courses that would be transferable among all the State institutions. IUS’s matrix of courses has been forwarded to the UFC.

President Finkbine called for item #7, Circular 07-3A, a second reading of a by-law change from the Honors Council. The item was placed in motion by Liam Felsen, who explained the changes. The current model is that the council has 5 members but this will now be extended to seven members; each of the six schools will elect its members and the Library faculty will select its own representative, plus a student on the council and the director will serve as chair. Felsen said these changes are reflective of the mission of the new Honors Program. After a thorough discussion of these changes, pro and con, the vote was taken and due to the closeness of the oral vote a show of hands was taken. There were 15 yes votes and 10 no votes. The motion passed.

Circular 07-4A was presented by Chris Lang, who represented Cathy Shea, chair of APC. A motion was made and seconded to add Horticulture B375 to the BA list. This is a 5 hour lecture lab, has no pre req’s and is suitable for non majors and has the support of the School of Natural Sciences. After a short discussion the vote was taken and the motion passed.

Lang introduced Circular 07-4B, an Amendment to International Studies Major Options to include an African concentration. Motion was seconded and there was no discussion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Lang introduced Circular 07-4C, Proposed Change to the Individualized Major Program. The motion was seconded. This originated in the Arts & Sciences Coordinating Committee to change the admissions requirements for the IMP program. The old requirements were for students to have at least 15 or no more than 86 credit hours. The new policy is: “Students should have at least 15 credit hours before proposing an IMP, and students should have taken less than half of the major course of the proposed IMP before proposing it.” The rationale is: This new policy will ensure that students have the proper guidance for course selection, while allowing students with more than 86 credit hours (the current stated limit) to pursue an IMP.
President Finkbine called for discussion. There was no discussion; the vote was taken and the motion passed.

Lang presented Circular 07-4D, a course change request for LBST D601 Project Proposal Seminar. Motion was seconded. Lang stated that this pertains to liberal studies and is a seminar that a student uses to propose his senior graduate performance. It is required of all students; they would like to make this optional because many students formulate their graduate project proposals in other courses. President Finkbine called for discussion and there was none. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Next Lang presented Circular 07-4E, a course change request. Motion was seconded. This is a change in how the graduate project in the MLS works. They have to do 6 credit hours of the graduate project, typically a thesis. The idea here is that they make credit hours on the variable from 1 to 6 so that the student can take more than one semester to complete this project if need be. If they still haven’t completed it and they have already used up all of the 6 credit hours they retake it for one credit hour until they have actually finished. This will keep the student in an active status, which is vital for computer and Bookstore access. President Finkbine called for the vote and the motion passed.

Lang made a motion for Circulars 07-4E and 07-4F, new course requests, P358 Psychology of Death, Dying and Grief and P558 Psychology of Death, Dying and Grief. These were presented as graduate and undergraduate courses and were presented together. Beth Eckerd gave the rationale. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Lastly, Lang placed in motion Circular 07-4H, new course, Math T101 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers as a Gen Ed Quantitative Reasoning Course from the General Education Committee. Cady, Chair of Gen Ed and Atnip gave the explanation for the course. There was no discussion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

There was no new business. The meeting adjourned.