Indiana University Southeast
Faculty Senate Minutes
November 16, 2006  07-5   2:45 p.m. Multi Purpose Room

Members present:  Ron Finkbine, President, Anne Allen, Jamie Kauffman, Liam Felsen, Christa Zorn, David Eplion, Jon Bingham, Doug Barney, Tom Keefe, William Jamski, Jeanette Nunnelley, James Hollenbeck, Jim Jenkins, Doug Darnowski, James Woeppe, John Doyle, David Treves, Kent Edmonds, Chris Lang, Jacquelyn Reid, Ben Asare, Greg Phipps, Beth Eckerd, Sarah Zurhellen

Absent with Alternate: Robin Fankhauser (Fran Squires), Jean Abshire (Donna Dahlgren), Jaared Taylor ( Flo Gonya), Judy Myers (Luz Huntington-Moskos)

Absent without Alternate:  Richard Kopp, Michael Abernethy, Alan South

Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council present:  Chancellor Patterson-Randles, Gil Atnip, Ruth Garvey-Nix, Steve Taksar, Anne Wyandotte, Ben Nassim, Mimi McKay, Kathleen Norvell, Rick French and Saundra Gordon

Guests:  Monica Wise and Skip Cady,

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. The minutes were approved with the following corrections: In paragraph one, line 3 of the Chancellor’s report the word market should be deleted.  Item #3, which read: The searches currently going on in Bloomington are for the Alumni Association president, who also serves as Foundation president. IU is also seeking nominations for a student Trustee.  Item 3, in the Chancellor’s report should read: 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.

Chancellor’s report: The Chancellor gave a report on the housing proposal, which was approved by the Board of Trustees in November. She said IUS has been in pursuit of housing since at least 1988. There have been five feasibility studies, three of which were recent and the most recent one showed solid demand for about 700 beds. In developing the proposal, there were two very clear goals: 1) to make a more attractive full service campus in order to increase enrollment and 2) create a strong sense of community on campus. The design is for five two story buildings modeled around a lodge concept with various types of apartments; a large common central living room with a fireplace, study nooks, kitchenette, etc. Two will be located on the south side of the lake and three on the north side with adequate parking provisions.

The Council for Higher Education and the State Budget Committee will have to give their approval of the proposal and both the Chancellor and VC Taksar feel pretty confident that will happen. If so, the dorms could be ready for occupancy in the fall of 2008. Chancellor Patterson-Randles and President Herbert were both very complimentary of the work done on this project, particularly by VCs Garvey-Nix and Taksar.

The Chancellor asked Steve Taksar to respond to a question about outsourcing. Taksar said this is a directive from the Board of Trustees. In regard to the Bookstore, a committee has been formed; a request for proposals has gone out to vendors that manage college bookstores. Campus based bookstores will have an opportunity to compete to hold on to their store. This is on a fast track and Taksar said he expects in a February or March timeframe the Trustees will be looking at the information and making a decision. IUS will submit a competitive proposal and hopefully it will be enough to maintain what we have.
Lastly, the Chancellor commented on enrollment and the recent open house. There were 169 students who came and the campus had about 325 people show up. Various schools had tables, most of which were very busy. Enrollment, in terms of our last week last Friday, admissions were up 11.2% and admits were up 6.3%. She did not know what the actual numbers are going to be yet from matriculation but these were positive signs.

The Chancellor called on Garvey-Nix and Taksar to give an update on guidelines related to operating procedures and free speech on campus. Garvey-Nix presented a comprehensive overview of the policy and pointed out that the designated free speech zone is McCullough Plaza. Everyone received a copy of the guidelines. She shared information about how the campus plans and works with the University police and the student body in preparation for visits from groups that might have strong viewpoints on certain topics. Monica Wise, University Police, was also present to share information related to their work in these instances.

VC Atnip’s report: There has been quite a bit of work going on in the institutions around the State in response to two legislative mandates, the first to develop a Core Transfer Library, which would be 70 courses that transfer seamlessly among the seven State institutions. Right now there are about 90 courses that are under discussion and review. He believes the goal is to have the list pared down to the 70 early in the spring semester.

The second issue Atnip mentioned was program articulation between the two-year institutions, Ivy Tech and Vincennes, and the four-year institutions. Some faculty members have been asked to look at spreadsheets that show how a student taking a particular set of courses at Ivy Tech or Vincennes would transfer those courses into one of our degree programs. The legislative mandate is for twelve program articulations both in the professional areas and in the liberal arts and sciences; we have done 7 preliminarily so in the spring there will probably be more information on this.

French-UFC report: The UFC met on October 24, in Kokomo and the minutes have been delayed somewhat because of some video conferencing. They are not on the website at this point but should be soon.

1) President Herbert discussed a proposal to the athletic facilities in Bloomington. 2) On campus housing for South Bend and Southeast was discussed and he had very favorable remarks for the campuses on the housing proposals. 3) The Division of Labor Studies in Indianapolis was discussed. The Executive Committee of the Indianapolis Faculty Council is going to assess two proposals that the UFC submitted to them, one from Dean Sothmann and one from the faculty of labor studies. Subsequently, the Executive Committee will make a recommendation to the full IFC. They expect the project to be completed in January. 4) The review procedures for chancellors were approved at UFC for submission to the Trustees for their November meeting. The Trustees did approve the final version on November 3rd at their meeting. A couple of issues were raised at UFC regarding the composition of the committees and also maintaining the confidentiality of information. The Trustees approved the new procedures stating that approximately half of the members of the review committee shall be from the faculty of the campus and also they mentioned in the Trustees version that while the review committee will attempt to keep comments and letters confidential, under Indiana state law the University cannot assure confidentiality. 5) The policy on intellectual property was discussed again as it has been for quite a while and there were a couple of suggestions for minor revisions. It was asked that the campuses take a look at these proposals within the divisions and if you have any suggestions send those to Kelly Kish of the UFC. 6) VC Atnip had already addressed transferability and general education at Indiana University and French had no further comments on this subject.
President Finkbine’s report: President Finkbine was contacted by the President’s office about the chancellor review. This campus has submitted its names and has done everything asked by the leadership committee in regard to this matter.

The presidential search for our next president is also proceeding. An initial cut of applications for that position has been done and the committee is getting ready to work on a second cut.

Circular 07-5A was moved by Jacquelyn Reid, of the Executive Committee, for approval of the December 2006 graduates. Motion was seconded and approved.

Circular 07-5B, from the General Education Committee, was an action item for Program Design for BS in Elementary Education and BS in Special Education to satisfy General Education Reasoning about Ethical Questions. This was presented by Skip Cady, Gen Ed Chair. Cady said this was a one course requirement from a list of recommended courses approved by the Senate. These courses are 100 and 200 level courses and evidence is provided that 50% of the course outcomes satisfy the general education outcomes. Motion was seconded and approved.

Circulars 07-5C and 07-5D from the Honors Council were pulled from the agenda.

Circular 07-5E, Changes in Tracks for BA in Geosciences was placed in motion by Chris Lang, representing Cathy Shea, Chair of APC. Motion was seconded. Lang referred to the packet, which contained a Q & A that explained the rationale and also answered other questions. Lang highlighted the changes. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Circular 07-5F was an information item, which is a change to the Advertising Track/BA Communication Studies. Kauffman explained. It reduces the first level core requirements from 18 specified credit hours to 15 specified credit hours by moving FINA S250 Logo Design to the electives section and increasing the number of electives from 6 to 9 credits. This was considered a minor change and did not require a vote.

President Finkbine asked for new business. There was no new business. He entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion was made and seconded and the meeting adjourned.