Indiana University Southeast  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
November 17, 2011   12-5,  2:45 p.m.   UC127  
Fran Squires, President

Members Present: Fran Squires, President, Diane Russell, Michael Abernethy, Rebecca Carlton, Virginia Anderson, Ranida Harris, Michael Harris, Paul Pittman, Arun Srinivasan, Walter Ryan, Jim Hollenbeck, Mary Bradley, Robin Fankhauser, Melanie Hughes, Doug Darnowski, Elaine Haub, John Doyle, Aaron Setterdahl, Clint Franklin, Pam Connerly, Donna Bowles, Debbie Finkel, Greg Phipps, Yu Shen, Jean Abshire, Stephen Bowman, Ron Endris

Absent with Alternate:  
Absent without Alternate:  

Present: Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council: Chancellor Patterson-Randles, Gil Atnip, Emmanuel Otu, Marty Rosen, Kathleen Bailey, Josh Kornberg, Greg Roberts, Dana Gohmann, Saundra Gordon  
Guest: Brittany Hubbard

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 and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved as read.

Chancellor’s Report:  1) IU Southeast will be hosting the Trustees’ Meeting December 8 and 9. She encouraged attendance at the sessions. There will be a report on the Blueprint Strategic Planning Document and you will be able to hear what stage of development the eight sub-committees are in.  2) There is benchmarking collection data going on in these areas: Student Services, Human Resources, Marketing and Financial Services.  3) As part of the Blueprint process there is going to be an invitation to regional campus faculty councils to work together and have discussion in Faculty Senate on how to make this happen.  
4) Tuition and R&R was discussed, both increases and decreases. The Chancellor said that over the past ten years we have gotten very little money for R&R and now we are getting nothing. Purdue and Ivy Tech put in an extra fee on students to be able to fund R&R and when IU made the same move this past summer there was serious outrage expressed by certain legislators. President McRobbie announced that for the 2012 summer session there would be a decrease in tuition of 25%. Based on last year’s enrollment, that could impact this campus some $800,000. Gil Atnip has been meeting with deans and program coordinators to estimate capacity, feasibility of adding sections in General Education courses, which have a history of being in high demand during the summer, and always the availability of faculty to teach these courses. They will also try and increase known bottleneck courses, courses students need to graduate but are typically in short supply i.e., 200 level writing classes and computer lab science courses.  
5) Because the Federal Financial Aid Policy has changed there will not be as much summer aid available for continuing students who may have reached their aid limits. There may be some grants and scholarship available, which will be looked at soon.  6) There will be strategic and focused marketing to continuing students to take advantage of summer discount tuition.  7) VC’s Atnip and Wavle are looking for space for the new advisors.  8) There was nothing new on the Education-Purdue Technology building except that it still appears to be dead in the water. Our new sixth lodge has been approved by the Trustees and the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and the Governor. It still has to go to the State Budget Committee and the Indiana Finance Authority for approval.  (9) The Chancellor reminded everyone that the deadline for enrollment in the medical plans was the next day.  (10) At the December Trustees meeting
there will probably be a draft of a master plan for the campus. We have been providing input and looking at possibilities for over a year. The draft will be sent back to us after the December meeting for feedback.  
11) Lastly, the Chancellor encouraged everyone to attend the Medallion dinner. It will be a reunion of past recipients and also a celebration of IUS’s 70th anniversary.  
This concluded the Chancellor’s report.  

VC Atnip’s report: He did not have a report. He solicited questions; there were no questions for Atnip.  

UFC Report-Abshire: 1) Bloomington is shifting this summer to a summer semester rather than two summer sessions. Abshire felt that they will be looking for regional campuses to follow and that has some implications for things like summer teaching. Questions asked: could faculty choose which session they don’t teach if we have summer semesters and have these issues been considered and discussed? The answer was no. Abshire thinks the impact on the regional campuses would be enormous and so much more than on Bloomington. 2) There was a discussion on the new health plans but no new information. 3) Dean Wert asked about addressing salary compression and inversion issues and President McRobbie responded that the Trustees would not consider any across the board pay increases at this point because of the budget situation. 4) There are recommendations to significantly restructure the UFC. It is fairly dysfunctional because it can barely meet a quorum. Suggestions are: reducing the size of the UFC, reducing the meetings to one face-to-face per semester, getting rid of standing committees and empowering the executive committee, which would be essentially the same as the agenda committee and would include all the faculty senate presidents from the various campuses. Basically, the executive committee would make the day-to-day decisions then any big or controversial issues would be addressed in the semester meetings. 5) Another issue that came up from South Bend regarded getting rid of printers in faculty offices. Abshire asked one of the UITS staff about this and they said that UITS has decided to no longer buy or support printers in faculty offices. Abshire asked one of the UITS staff about this and they said that UITS has decided to no longer buy or support printers in faculty offices and if a school wishes for their faculty to have printers they will have to budget for them. A short discussion ensued and this concluded Abshire’s report.  

Atnip asked to comment on the Bloomington summer session stating that it was discussed at the last academic leadership meeting. As he understand it, they are planning on a twelve week semester but within that they are going to have six and eight week courses, ten week courses, two week courses and leave it up to departments and schools to determine what to do. He thinks this issue will come to faculty on regional campuses in some restructuring of summer, although it may turn out to be more superficial and there may be people who feel that twelve weeks would be a better format for summer. This issue will definitely be coming up.  

President Squires: She wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and Grace a happy birthday on that day.  

Circular 12-5A, new course request from Arts & Letters, COAS-S154 Pathways was placed in motion and seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed.  

Circular 12-5B, IU Southeast Undergraduate Academic Probation & Suspension Policy was placed in motion and seconded. Discussion followed. There were two typos on the first page that needed correction. The question was asked if this policy was replacing an old policy or if it was new? Bibee responded. The Academic Success Center and the campus has had two different policies for at least the past five years and certainly with the new advising structure we want there to be one campus policy so it can be more consistently followed across campus and hopefully will better address the needs of students. Finkel commented, I can add that this was reviewed by program coordinators and deans and the APC and that it was
tweaked in that process before it came to the Senate. In response to a question, Bibee said it will replace the language that is currently in the bulletin. After further discussion the vote was called and the motion passed.

Circular 12-5C, was a resolution prepared by David Taylor and Jay Barry to be forwarded to President McRobbie, VP Neil Theobald and VC John Applegate. This resolution related to health care cost and the way the costs applied to different campuses and the unequal way the raises were recently applied across the different campuses. The motion was seconded. There was no further discussion; the vote was taken and the motion passed to forward the resolution.

Under new business a resolution from Social Sciences was presented by Jean Abshire. This resolution was in response to VC Wavle’s e-mail concerning the policy on posters, signs and banners displayed on campus. Discussion of the matter led to the addition of wording to include faculty and staff along with students in the resolution. Someone asked if there is a policy regarding the use of chalk on campus and Abshire said “yes, it is considered vandalism if it is unsanctioned.” The question was asked how this would apply to room changes or class cancellations with notices on classrooms. Abshire said she would assume it would preclude those announcements. The Chancellor said there is a policy already in place. What Wavle sent out is simply a reiteration and clarification of the policy that has been long standing on the campus. The whole idea is to try and keep the campus looking decent. Josh Kornberg, SGA president said they have been working on this for a while and are trying to come up with innovative ways to communicate with students. The vote was taken and the resolution passed.

Hughes asked if the SGA was ready to talk about syllabi and Kornberg said they were not ready yet but hopefully in about two months.

President Squires asked for a motion to adjourn and the meeting ended.