Members Present: Fran Squires, President, Diane Russell, Michael Abernethy, Bryan Hall, Brian Jones, Virginia Anderson, Alan Wong, Michael Harris, Paul Pittman, Brian Atwater, Jim Hollenbeck, Mary Bradley, Melanie Hughes, Elizabeth Rueschhoff, Elaine Haub, Glenn Mason, John Doyle, Aaron Setterdahl, Clint Franklin, Jacquelyn Reid, Todd Manson, Yu Shen, Rhonda Wrzenzki, Stephen Bowman

Absent with Alternate: Bradford Griggs (Catherine Shea), Joanna Durham-Barnes (Walter Ryan)

Absent without Alternate: Vijay Reddy, Terrence O’Connor, John Finnegan, Donna Bowles, Debbie Finkel, Ron Endris

Present: Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council: Chancellor Patterson-Randles, Curt Peters, Anne Skuce, Jay White, Greg Roberts, Rebecca Turner

Guests:

President Squires called the meeting to order. The roll was passed with instructions to sign for yourself or initial if you were attending for someone else. The minutes were approved as written.

Chancellor’s Report: The Chancellor began the meeting by reporting on some good news. The Medallion Dinner was a great success, with close to 660 attendees, and we obtained over $100,000 for student scholarships. We also won a Case V Gold Award for the series of events during our 70th anniversary celebrations. In addition, Fall Festival was a success, with 3,000-4,000 people on campus. The Veteran’s Day event went over well, with four Vietnam veterans speaking. Finally, the Economic Outlook Event provided a counter to these positives, suggesting that I.U.S. will not be back to normal financial ground until 2014-2015.

I.C.H.E. update: There have been two, recent meetings between Kentucky and Indiana regarding the reciprocity agreement, with a third forthcoming. Kentucky delivered its findings at the most recent meeting, and the data shows that there are far more students coming from Kentucky to Indiana than the other way around. This is a concern, especially as it pertains to the “dollar figure associated with the tuition waivers”. From this perspective, it’s nearly 2-1, in Kentucky’s favor. There’s no talk about eliminating reciprocity, but it does remain a concern for us. I.C.H.E. initiatives: “Dual Credit” – They are looking at core, degree seeking students, rather than enrollment numbers that have been bolstered by dual credit agreements. I.C.H.E. continues to be unusually interested in the happenings of the regional campuses. This may have something to do with their recent acquisition of power to eliminate low-enrollment degree programs. This is a concern, although it is at the moment unclear exactly what actions I.C.H.E. (and I.U. for that matter) will take with regards to these programs.

Timber Lodge: An email just went out from Physical Plant indicating the forthcoming groundbreaking for Timber Lodge. Approval has finally been granted by the Army Corps of Engineers and IDEM, and the 21-day “dead period” for comment has passed, so we have the requisite approvals in place to move forward. The delay in construction due to needing to gain approval has precluded the possibility of opening the Lodge before Fall 2013. It is thus most likely that the Lodge will open Fall 2014.

“Completion Scholarship”: More news will be forthcoming shortly. This is an award that the President has put in place which enables juniors and seniors slated to graduate in four years to keep the same tuition rate. There remain questions about how they will implement this, but I.U. is developing a website with an extensive question and answer section to help clarify any ambiguities.
V.C. Searches: There are currently two searches in progress. The VCEMSA search has 31 applicants, with eight of those names passing the initial stage of review and being sent to the search committee. The VCAA search currently has 25 applications, none of which has been reviewed, and more applications could still come in.

Online Education: To be clear, this is not meant to replace the methods of teaching already established on this campus. One of the main objectives of this initiative is to assist those students who need to take a certain class, but are otherwise unable to fit it into their schedule, thus enabling them to complete their degrees in a timely manner. Numerous people from the I.U. community are working on this project, and the abundance of individuals contributing, combined with the ambiguous parameters for what online education at I.U. is ultimately supposed to look like, has motivated I.U. to appoint a small taskforce to keep track of what the various committees are coming up with and to develop both short-term and long-term projections for I.U. Southeast’s particular role in this process. For the sake of comparison, Ball State recorded a massive jump in enrollment specifically related to online and hybrid courses, and the hope is that I.U. Southeast could see the same sort of expansion once this initiative is established.

Brian Jones asked whether the Education Commission has indicated a target number on the classes or programs that have low enrollment or low graduation rates. The Chancellor responded that they have not indicated to her yet what the mark will be for maintaining classes/programs that have low enrollment. What the Chancellor has seen, by way of comparison, is that some states require a certain number of graduates within a 5-year period.

Vice Chancellor Peters’ report: VC Peters began by emphasizing that we will fight “tooth and nail” for those programs that are vital to our campus, regardless of graduation rates (i.e. Mathematics, as the Chancellor indicated).

120-hours: This has been handled well on our campus thus far. Bloomington has been pushing for two exceptions that are of note. The first concerns the Education program, which applies only to the Bloomington campus. The other is for the B.F.A., which would apply to us. If Bloomington is able to receive an exception (to require e.g. 125 credit hours instead of 120), they would hope that we would follow along with this change.

Friday Classroom Space: Sometimes we are criticized for not maximally using our classroom space on Fridays. What we need to do is find and highlight those times that we are using the space. V.C. Peters provided a couple of examples that can be listed in order to demonstrate that we are in fact using this space, even if we are not doing so with the conventional Monday-Wednesday-Friday class schedule. This is an important issue, also, for down the road when we ask for additional classroom buildings.

Summer Faculty Budget: We have exceeded this budget by almost 50% in the last couple of years. We are presently working diligently towards a solution for this. The Deans are actively involved in this process. The summer tuition reduction instituted by the university President exacerbates the problem as well.

Blueprint: There is a movement away from camps-specific articulation agreements with Ivy Tech campuses, and a movement more towards transfer agreements. These are agreements that involve all of the regional campuses, Ivy Tech included. There is also a movement towards using learning outcomes as a better guide to those transfer agreements. I.U. seems to be taking more control over this process than has traditionally been the case in the past.
Online education: Commendations are given to those working on this initiative. Many faculty members are interested in this, and the University is trying to accommodate as many as possible. Although we as a campus are slightly behind some of the other campuses in implementing this, the advantage of learning from others’ mistakes should outweigh the delay by enabling us to achieve our objective of having a high quality online education more readily. V.C. Peters stymied the rumors that there are efforts to force anyone to take or to teach an online course – these courses are options for students, and they will become a significant source of income for I.U. Southeast. If a faculty member proposes and is approved to teach a certain class, that class will then become a part of their teaching load for that semester.

Summer pay: I.U. Southeast is once again seeking permission to provide the option to its faculty members to be paid on a 12-month basis, rather than on the current 10-month calendar if they should so choose.

Minors: We are not required to go through I.C.H.E. to get approval for minors, and that opens up good options for us. Certain disciplines, like Japanese, might warrant a minor, and it will be much easier to gain approval for a certain minor by keeping the process for adding it in-house. It does still have to be approved locally, and then go through the Academic Leadership Council.

UFC Report (President Squires): There was a memorial resolution for John Ryan, celebrating his accomplishments and contributions to I.U. President McRobbie noted that health insurance costs are on the rise, with no extra financial help from I.C.H.E. A Financial conflict of interest policy was passed, this time being the 2nd reading. The Handbook is slated to be redone, with the policies section updated and the historical aspects moved to an appendix (instead of interspersed throughout). John Applegate presented a Student Services Initiative, which is seeking to merge Records, Finance, and Advising into one component so those who work in advising, e.g., have better knowledge of students’ financial aid and other records. There continues to be discussion about the Online Initiative, with greater structure and guidelines being put forward.

President’s Report: Regional Faculty Caucus meeting – the scholarship/graduation award for those who finish their degrees in four years continues to be discussed, though a specific amount has yet to be decided upon. Financial Literacy Course – 1 credit course proposal for students, to introduce them to the importance of controlling debt and credit card spending, however it has not passed. Ivy Tech transfer credits – each campus will be allowed to develop its own relationship with the tech schools, and establish guidelines as it sees most fit.

New Course Requests:
- Circular 13-5A (Intro to Operating Systems) – passes without incident
- Circular 13-5B (Business & Administrative Writing) – passes with minor clarification
- Circular 13-5C (Function and Trigonometry) – passes without incident
- Circular 13-5D (Global Issues in Nursing) – passes without incident

Course Change Request:
- Circular 13-5E (Editing for Publication) – passes without incident

Program Change Proposal:
- Circular 13-5F (English degree program changes) – passes with minor clarification (one course being substituted for another)

New Business:
Glenn Mason is voted in as the new UFC Representative for Spring 2013.

The meeting is adjourned.