Members Present: Fran Squires, President, Michael Abernethy, Virginia Anderson, Vijay Reddy, Diane Russell, Brian Atwater, Michael Harris, Paul Pittman, Alan Wong, Mary Bradley, Joanna Durham-Barnes, Bradford Griggs, Jim Hollenbeck, Melanie Hughes, John Doyle, Clint Franklin, Glenn Mason, Elizabeth Rueschhoff, Donna Bowles, Jacquelyn Reid, Debbie Finkel, Todd Manson, Rhonda Wrzenski, Stephen Bowman, Ron Endris
Absent with Alternate: Bryan Hall (Rebecca Carlton); Brian Jones (Debra Clem); Aaron Setterdahl (Kent Edmonds)
Absent without Alternate: Elaine Haub, John Finnegan, Terrence O’Connor, Yu Shen
Present: Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council: Chancellor Patterson-Randles, Jay White, Kathleen Bailey
Guests: Mary Mour (SGA)

President Squires called the meeting to order. Before the role was passed, Stephen Bowman was elected by ballot as the new parliamentarian to replace Jacquelyn Reid, who stepped down to fill the role of interim Dean of Nursing. The roll was then 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: Because Curt Peters was unable to attend today’s meeting, the Chancellor began by reporting on a couple of items that he ordinarily would have addressed. There is continued discussion about renewing the reciprocity agreement, with a brief background about what has transpired in previous years when the reciprocity agreement has come up for renewal. Of greatest significance is I.U.’s continuing push for ICHE to consider Kentucky reciprocity students in their formula for performance funding.

Also, Curt, faculty members, and the deans are working hard to post a two-year schedule of classes in the near future. This ought to be posted by the end of February. Good work is also being done on our low-enrolled degree programs. Three departments on campus have sent recommendations about at risk programs to John Applegate concerning this matter.

Melanie Hughes provided an update on two points related to the General Education committee’s work. First, we are attempting to get our Gen. Ed. curriculum down from 36 hours to 30 hours. We are also faced with aligning the outcomes of this curriculum with the state’s requirements. Work has been made in the sciences, but English and writing outcomes continue to be discussed. The deadline for this is coming up in the next couple of months.

The Chancellor proceeded to note that at the Trustee’s meeting, there is continued interest in our Friday and Saturday class schedule. There is a strongly held belief that we are using our facilities at 20%-30% below capacity, and that we ought to change over to the standard MWF and TR schedule. The Chancellor and others continue to make their case that this would be a zero-sum change.
There is an intense interest in enrollment. Nationwide, we are seeing about a 5% decrease, and especially in the Midwest. For IUS in particular, we will likely continue to see this problem persist as long as our enrollment trends continue to be so intimately linked to employment in the area. Melissa Hill has demonstrated a strong link between these two numbers, suggesting that as regional unemployment continues to drop, so will our enrollment.

There will be a round 3 of the Lilly Grant, which is focusing on meaningful career opportunities for Indiana college graduates. In particular, they want “bold and creative solutions to the Hoosier brain-drain problem.” They are looking to fund new ideas, rather than what has been proposed in the past.

With regard to on-line program development, the Chancellor noted that I.U. does not want the regional campuses to have independent, on-line degree program offerings, but rather joint offerings by the campuses. We will be working on developing two programs each year over the next three years. The two that suited the regional campuses best and will be developed first are the Bachelor’s degrees in Applied Science and Informatics. More will come on this shortly.

One concern from the community has been that I.U. Southeast has not been turning out “work-ready individuals”. There is a so-called “skills gap”. However, it is the Chancellor’s stance that there has been a miscommunication between the type of student we are preparing for the world and what the employers are expecting. The Central Indiana Corporate Partnership has done a study that demonstrates that approximately one-third of Indiana college graduates leave the state to begin their professional lives each year. Indiana is also very strong at recruiting out-of-state students, yet about 80% of these out-of-state students also leave upon graduation. The conclusion is that the types of jobs available to our students are more readily found elsewhere than here in Indiana. This ties in with the aforementioned Lilly Grant proposals – what can we do to keep these students in the state? We just don’t have enough jobs for those with Bachelor’s and above training. One other observation is that students are more inclined to seek employment away from family, if that’s what it takes to obtain a job. Because students decide very early whether they will look elsewhere for work, internships tend to play a strong role in encouraging students to stay.

Housing rate increases were passed at the Trustee’s meeting, though our rate increase was minimal (1.5%). As a corollary note, Timber Lodge is still behind schedule, but we have finally received the green light to begin. We fully anticipate having the lodge operational for Fall 2014. Because of the delays, IU Southeast is going to cancel the building contracts and request new bids. It is possible that we could receive some more favorable bids than we previously received.

Finally, because we only received one viable candidate for the VC-EM search, this position has been reopened. Also, because none of the four VCAA candidates was adequate, this position has been reopened as well. The Chancellor thanked those who worked so diligently on these searches the first time around.

There were no other administrative announcements, and because the UFC has not yet met, there was no update from this committee either.
President Squires noted that the RFC met recently, and the major point of discussion was summer school pay. The concern is for all campuses to remunerate faculty the same way. Campuses tend to offer 10% pay to instructors for summer classes, but some campuses have a cap of $5,000 while others place the cap at $7,500.

In addition, President Squires noted two things that will be forthcoming on the UFC agenda. There is a committee to hire Neil Theobald’s replacement at the end of March. There is also a vigilante committee set up in response to the legislature overstepping its bounds and trying to run the university.

**Action Items: New Course Requests**
Circular 13-7C – BUS-K 440: Business Intelligence – passed without incident.
Circular 13-7E – FINA-A 457: Experimental Art – passed without incident.
Circular 13-7F – FINA-G 405: BA Senior Exhibition – passed without incident.
Circular 13-7G – FINA-U 401: Special Topics in Studio Art – passed without incident.

**Action Items: Program Change Proposals**
Circular 13-7H – Special Ed. 120-hour proposal – passed without incident.
Circular 13-7I – 2013 SOE Secondary Ed. 120-hour plans – There was a bit of discussion about the various programs grouped together, as well as about certain courses that ought or ought not to be included in certain of these degree programs. It was decided that these proposals should be tabled until March’s meeting, so that the appropriate amendments could be made.
Circular 13-7J – 2013 SOE Secondary Ed. Language Arts 120-hour plans – There were also several corrective remarks made for the Language Arts degree, and it was determined that this program change proposal also ought to be tabled until the next meeting.

**Faculty Affairs Action Item**
Promotion and Tenure Proposal – Circular 13-7K – There was a bit of discussion about the exact nature of the proposed change. Part of the confusion arose from the lack of a separate document laying out what the document originally stated so that it could be compared with the new changes. The item was ultimately tabled so the original document could be added to the agenda.

**Non-APC Action Item**
Parking Permit Referendum – Circular 13-7L – Debi Finkel brought this request from SGA to the Faculty Senate. Students have occasionally been ticketed for parking in faculty-reserved parking spaces in the evening out of confusion for which lots are open to students at 5 PM and which open to them at 9. They request continuity among the lots so as to avoid confusion, and unnecessary ticketing. It was resolved that all the blue signs would be changed on July 1, 2013 to reflect the availability of these faculty-reserved spots to those with red passes to 6 PM.

There was no other new business, and the meeting adjourned shortly before 4 PM.