Members Present: James Barry, President, Virginia Anderson, Bryan Hall, Brian Jones, Jamie Kauffman, Brian Atwater, Michael Harris, Arun Srinivasan, Alan Wong, Bradford Griggs, Shifa Podikunju-Hussain, Susan Ridout, Jackie Johnson, Peter Galvin, Suranga Hettiarachchi, Randy Hunt, Elizabeth Rueschhoff, Elizabeth Weaver, Jodi Henderson, Laura Mcilvoy, Jean Abshire, Todd Manson, Cliff Staten, Rhonda Wrzenski, Steve Bowman
Absent with Alternate: Glenn Mason (Clint Franklin)
Absent without Alternate: Pat Daly, George Harvey, Doug Barney, Jim Hollenbeck, Terrence O’Connor, Andrew Takomi, Ron Endris
Present: Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council: Interim Chancellor Bichelmeyer, Jason Meriwether, Dana Wavle, Samantha Earley, Greg Roberts, Rebecca Turner, Stephon Moore, Doug Darnowski

President Barry called the meeting to order. The roll was passed with instructions to sign for yourself or initial if you were attending for someone else. He then turned the meeting over to interim Chancellor Bichelmeyer.

The interim Chancellor began with a summary of the highlights that she would address over the next several minutes. She began with a summary of what she has done since arriving on July 1, along with some of the goals for the upcoming year. She noted that she would discuss some of the obvious needs to address in the coming year, followed by whom she has been developing relationships with in the region. Finally, she noted that she would open the floor comments and questions.

Some of the goals for the year, as given to her by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and seconded by university administration, include:

1) Dealing with the deficit situation of IU Southeast, as best as possible;
2) Moving forward with the relationship with Ivy Tech;
3) Identifying how the campus should be involved in online education; and,
4) Establishing more robust communications with the community, with other campuses, and finally with the University.

The deficit situation remains a difficult point. Excellent work was done last year to bring the budget into balance, but it continues to be a focal point. Two plans are in the works for either generating revenue or cutting back on expenses. The Performance Funding Formula continues to be discussed with government relations folks, especially vis-à-vis Kentucky students not counting in the formula. Because of the biennial structure of this contract agreement, it may be another year and a half before we see any change. In the interim, the single best way to aid our fiscal situation is by student retention. This is good both for us as well as for our students. VC Meriwether is working on developing improved ways of dealing with this issue.

The second avenue for addressing new revenue sources is by looking at programming. This is tackled by answering the questions “Are we offering degrees and certificates that students want?” and “Are we offering degrees and certificates that meet the needs of the economy in this area?” To address this, the
interim Chancellor and the VCs will meet with the Deans of each school to discuss priority programs – that is, what are the priority programs, are we offering them, and can we start offering them if we’re not already? Certificates are a great way to venture into offering new options.

As for Ivy Tech, our first ever Open House transpired just before school started. A Red-White-and-Green team has been convened to explore opportunities to do better advising across campuses. Ways to encourage cross-campus visits, especially finding ways to get Ivy Tech students to come to our campus, are being explored. State standards for transfer credits are being monitored and maintained as well.

We are also working, by means of an already appointed task force, to find the best way to incorporate online education on campus. Hybrid programming is an important element of this discussion. This will enable students to maintain a balance of both convenience and community – that is, both independence to do their work and interaction to maintain a high-quality program. There is also effort being put forward at the Regional Campus level for joint online programming.

There is an apparent need for more robust communication within the University. One example given was how the Blueprint for Student Attainment appears not to have filtered throughout the IU Southeast community as much as University administration had originally thought. At a community level, the interim Chancellor has spent considerable time meeting with Foundation directors that provide us with the most aid and other great benefactors to get their input on how IU Southeast can better be in relationship with the community. She has also been collaborating with leaders across the river regarding certain initiatives that would be beneficial both for our campus as well as for the greater Louisville area. Finally, internally it is very evident that everyone works very hard. Yet, it is also important for us as a community to find ways to work smarter. One way of doing this is by recognizing and adapting to the changes that are taking place in Higher Ed. and in the state of Indiana.

The interim Chancellor will in the near future be implementing a few Action Teams to address various issues on campus. As already noted in an email, we are backing away from the Fall Festival this year. This is due in part to budgetary reasons but also in order to maintain compliance with federal policy concerning involvement with children and ensuring that everyone who works the event is properly background checked. Part of the funds that had been directed towards the Fall Festival have been reallocated into a program designed to address that. An Action Team will be formed to identify an event that is more education-oriented and can inform the community better about what we as a campus do.

Two other Action Teams will also be convened – one is to address how IU Southeast can develop a college-going culture and an education-valuing culture in southern Indiana; the other will seek to implement an Ambassador Program, which will be a professional development program that gives faculty and staff the tools and knowledge to be adequately informed to answer questions that those in the community might have about enrolling on campus.

Three further Action Teams are being convened to address other important topics: Bridges and Tolls; Retirees (ways to involve interested retirees who would like to volunteer their time on campus); and Veteran Services.

The interim Chancellor will also be holding regular meetings with various groups on campus, including:
- Monthly meetings with faculty
- Monthly meetings with the deans and VC Dufrene
- Bi-weekly meetings with students, involving Twitter use
- Meetings or dinners with SGA leaders
- Monthly open meetings with staff
- Bi-weekly meetings with the Vice Chancellors
- Monthly meetings with the Executive Committee
- Six meetings throughout the year with the board of advisors
- Ongoing meetings with various community leaders and foundations

The meeting was then opened up for questions. Dean Earley asked about the origins of the Student Success Action Team report. Jason Meriwether noted that it came from Annette Wyandotte and a few faculty members. Copies are available to any who would like it, and it will be on the Faculty Senate website in the near future as well.

President Barry then motioned to pass the minutes. They were approved as written. The President highlighted the two upcoming Town Hall meetings. One will be on October 1 concerning the role of online education at IU southeast and the other will be held on October 15 regarding the data faculty need to have to do their jobs most effectively. Both of which will be held during the lunch hour.

A special FBR election was held after his opening remarks, and John Doyle was elected to the position of FBR member. Subsequently, 2013-2014 Senate Calendar and the 2014-2015 Academic Calendar were approved. The following Action Items were also addressed:

New Course Requests:
**Circular 14-3C**: INFO-I 421: Applications of Data Mining – approved
**Circular 14-3D**: FINA-S 254: Beginning Typography – approved

Course Change Request:
**Circular 14-3E**: PSY-P 493: Supervised Research 1 – approved

Course Number Changes:
**Circular 14-3F**: SPH-H 174: Prevention of Violence in American Society – approved
**Circular 14-3G**: SPH-S 411: Industrial Hygiene Sampling & Analysis - approved
**Circular 14-3H**: SPH-S 430: Exploring Safety Culture – approved
**Circular 14-3I**: SPH-S 491: Readings in Safety Education - approved
**Circular 14-3J**: SPH-S 491: Research in Safety Education - approved
**Circular 14-3K**: SPH-S 496: Field Experience of Occupational Safety

There was no new business, and the meeting was adjourned.