Members Present: James Barry, President, Virginia Anderson, Rebecca Carlton, Pat Daly, Brian Jones, Jamie Kauffman, Brian Atwater, Doug Barney, Michael Harris, Arun Srinivasan, Alan Wong, Shifa Podikunju-Hussain, Susan Ridout, Jackie Johnson, Suranga Hettiarachchi, Randy Hunt, Elizabeth Rueschhoff, Elizabeth Weaver, Jodi Henderson, Laura Mcilvoy, Jean Abshire, Todd Manson, Cliff Staten, Rhonda Wrzenski, Steve Bowman, Ron Endris
Absent with Alternate: George Harvey (Bill Sweigert), Kent Edmonds (David Taylor), Glenn Mason (Clint Franklin)
Absent without Alternate: Bradford Griggs, Jim Hollenbeck, Peter Galvin, Terrence O’Connor, Andrew Takomi
Present: Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council: Barb Bichelmeyer, Dana Wavle, Gloria Murray, Joe Wert, Greg Roberts, Rebecca Turner, Stephanie Collins, Saundra Gordon

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. The minutes were approved as written, and the meeting was turned over to Chancellor Bichelmeyer for her report.

Chancellor Bichelmeyer first congratulated the School of Education for their soon-to-be official accreditation and the School of Business for their recent award for being highly ranked in both the Midwest and within the nation. The School of Business also successfully hosted the Economic Outlook meeting once again, this time with almost 300 in attendance.

On November 1, the Chancellor attended the IU Foundation Board meeting. At this event she had the opportunity to present and highlight the mission of IU Southeast to the Board. On November 5, the Founder’s Day luncheon was held. Retirees were invited back to campus to find out the direction of the University and goals that we are striving to achieve, especially vis-à-vis retention and completion. A discussion was also held with the retirees, ascertaining ways that they might participate in the life of the campus and ways that we can better connect and communicate with them.

On November 11, Veteran’s Day, a successful event was held in McCullough Plaza, followed by a luncheon indoors. One of our students, a three-tour veteran of the armed forces, tragically committed suicide last May, and his parents attended the event. His mother spoke a bit about PTSD, and gave thanks for those in attendance who had worked with her son.

The Chancellor also noted the once-a-month all faculty meetings to encourage dialogue between the administration and faculty. The first meeting was the second week of November, drawing about 30 faculty members. Campus highlights were presented, followed by a time of discussion, the treatment of adjuncts being one of them. Those who attended were encouraged to bring another colleague to the next meeting so the conversation can continue and involve more people.

President McRobbie is gearing up for the bicentennial anniversary of Indiana University, which is in 2020. One of the events leading up to this is an all-campus fund-raising campaign, with a goal of raising $2.6 billion. We are currently in the silent phase of that campaign now, with more information soon to
follow regarding what this means for the IU Southeast campus. The three distinct areas that will comprise this initiative include IU Bloomington, IUPUI, and the Regional campuses as a collective. The Blueprint for Student Attainment will continue to be a major focus driving IU forward. Six major priorities that will continue to direct our mission include: Quality of academic programming, transfer, engaging with new technologies, appropriate engagement with the mission of the region, access and affordability, and advising.

The Regional Chancellors Cabinet has had its monthly meeting recently. Two items of note: first, the new VP and CFO MaryFrances McCourt is willing to reopen dialogue with those who would like to receive payment on a 12-month schedule, rather than a 10-month plan; second, the 25% summer discount has ended, but a task force is working to find ways to encourage students to take summer courses. Rationale for the second point is predicated on the understanding that most students are unable to take 15 credits per semester, and thus taking summer classes serves as an effective way to assist students in completing their degrees in a timely manner.

Within the Chancellor’s office, discussions are being held to develop a master calendar for the campus so that everyone can see what’s going on around the campus, and assist in avoiding interference of one event with another. Also, a basic form is being created to incorporate new events into the master calendar. Ways to ensure the quality of events offered are also being considered. Finally, on January 10, the Campus Executive Council will hold a leadership retreat to focus on teamwork, collaboration, and meeting management.

**President Barry** noted that during the October 25th Coordinator’s Retreat, four areas were developed for new programs. These were: Environmental/Sustainability; International/Global Studies; Information Management; and Social Media. Faculty are currently being assembled to construct majors, minors, and certificates relative to these areas.

EVC Dufrene and AVCAC Wyandotte are currently working on a student retention and success plans. If you have any constructive ideas, feel free to pass them along to EVC Dufrene. EVC Dufrene is also planning on meeting with each of the schools in the spring in order to continue to gain valuable feedback.

President Barry gave Student Government representative Stephanie Collins a chance to address the Senate, and she gave an overview of a new speaker series (akin to TED talks) that SGA will be hosting on a continuous basis beginning in the spring. These are going to be called GUS talks – short for Growth, Understanding, and Social Responsibility. Faculty, staff, and administrators will be invited to speak about their core competencies and contributions to the campus. This project will also double as a recruitment tool, giving potential students an opportunity to come to campus and discover more about us.

Fellow SGA member Lauren Pangburn also informed the Senate about an initiative she is spearheading regarding sustainability issues on campus and in the area. Faculty are encouraged to contact her directly, or via President Barry, if they are interested, or if they know students who would be interested, in finding out more.

President Barry noted that at the recent UFC meeting, a policy on ethical conduct was discussed and is still in the works. Compliance with various federal policies was also addressed. Nominations are also being taken for a second UFC representative to serve with President Barry. There is an opening for a
faculty member to serve on the UFC Fringe Benefits Committee, as well as two open spots on the Bookstore Advisory Group. Dr. Barry will serve as the contact person for any nominations.

President Barry motioned that faculty engagement with the community, something he has discussed with Chancellor Bichelmeyer, be expanded. Students are also encouraged to participate in this endeavor as well.

Circulars:

Circular 14-5A: Resolution of Support to oppose HJR-6 – passed without opposition.
Circular 14-5B: Resolution on the Importance of Research – passed without opposition.

APC Action Items:

Circular 14-5C: SOC S199 – passed without incident.
Circular 14-5D: Modern Languages Capstone Proposal (Revised) – passed without incident.
Circular 14-5F: BIOL L110 – passed without incident.
Circular 14-5G: Philosophy Program degree change – passed without incident
Circular 14-5Gb: Proposal to Change/Clarify Academic Distinction Award – after a few minutes of discussion, it was clarified that Option One in the proposal was the one being put forward by APC. The Anne Allen elucidated by the APC had chosen Option One over Option Two, and the Senate then voted to uphold the APC’s proposal.

The meeting concluded with three FYI Items that are being discussed in the ad-hoc Faculty Senate group SPOC. The three topics cover: Faculty Rights on Teaching Classes; Joint Online Programs; and Student Characteristics. Although being discussed by SPOC, there will be a set of proposals coming forward from APC and Faculty Affairs in the near future.

No other new business was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.