Indiana University Southeast
Faculty Senate Minutes
March 20, 2014  14-8  2:45 p.m.  UC127
James Barry, President

Members Present: James Barry, President, Pat Daly, George Harvey, Jamie Kauffman, Brian Atwater, Doug Barney, Arun Srinivasan, Alan Wong, Bradford Griggs, Jim Hollenbeck, Susan Ridout, Kent Edmonds, Suranga Hettiarachchi, Glenn Mason, Elizabeth Rueschhoff, Elizabeth Weaver, Jodi Henderson, Laura Mcilvoy, Jean Abshire, Todd Manson, Cliff Staten, Rhonda Wrzenski, Steve Bowman

Absent with Alternate: Virginia Anderson (Anne Allen), Brian Jones (Donna Stallard), Michael Harris (Alysa Lambert), Shifa Podikunju-Hussain (Kathryn Ryan), Jackie Johnson (Melanie Hughes), Peter Galvin ( ), Ronald Worley

Absent without Alternate: Rebecca Carlton, Randy Hunt, Terrence O’Connor, Andrew Takomi

Present: Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council: Barb Bichelmeyer, Uric Dufrene, Dana Wavle, Jay White, Marty Rosen, Jacquelyn Reid, Rebecca Turner, Stephon Moore, Saundra Gordon

President Barry called the meeting to order. The roll was passed with instructions to sign for yourself or to 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 gave a number of important announcements. The first, regarding transitions on campus, involves the recent resignation of Jenny Wolf, who will be helping her husband in their growing business. She will continue working part-time through the transition to the new Chancellor. Marty Rosen will be working with Jenny to assist during this time of transition. Denise Jones has stepped down from her role, but the HR director search process is moving along well. VC Wavle noted that out of the 85 applicants for the position, 12 have been identified for phone interviews. On-campus interviews will take place during the third week of April. Brittany Hubbard will be leaving IU Southeast soon to take on a new post with IU as University Bursar in Bloomington. Many excellent candidates have applied to take over Erica Walsh’s position as editor and project manager in the Communications department. Chancellor Bichelmeyer is working diligently with the new Chancellor to lay out exactly what he would be looking for in a new Communications Director.

Campus Events – The first GUS talk was a great success, and many thanks were given to Stephon Moore and his co-leaders for putting so much effort into hosting this event. The Sanders Speaker event was a success as well, with thanks to Judge Carlton and Sue Sanders for their contribution that makes it possible. Events surrounding Black History Month were held recently. Open House also had a good turnout of support.

External Relations – The Chancellor has had meetings with the Superintendent of Greater Clark, seeking connections between IU Southeast and the public school system. Mayor Jeff Gahan was hosted on campus, seeking ways for our students to be more involved in downtown New Albany. Campus leaders participated in a lunch series on Philanthropy through the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana with Mayor Fischer, and at a Leadership Southern Indiana lunch with Governor Pence.

On-Campus meetings – Budget meetings continue to take place. Deans and Administrators recognize the vast amounts of red in the budgets, and innovative ways continue to be sought to raise enrollment and credit hours. Summer discount has led to an enrollment increase of about 20% from this point last year. Campus budget meetings will take place soon, focusing on retention and completion, innovative programs,
innovative delivery methods, and several other key foci. $2.4 million dollars of requests came in, and the Administration is working diligently to ensure as many of these requests as possible can be granted. Reserves will be tapped into somewhat in order to assist with this. The IU Foundation is beginning to work on its 2020 bicentennial campaign, seeking to raise around $2.5 billion dollars. Our campus will have its own individual campaign goal. Numerous leadership retreats have taken place, and a couple more will take place in the coming weeks. Chancellor Bichelmeyer, because of her experience in this area, chose to lead these events. Alumni and community relations efforts continue to move forward under the leadership of Jerry Wayne. More events to that end will follow.

**External Connections** – A membership to the American Association of Colleges and Universities has been purchased for the campus. This provides powerful resources for liberal and professional education. EVC Dufrene and Dr. Angela Salas will work to disseminate more information about this and about how it will benefit the campus. We have also purchased for the campus a subscription to the Education Advisory Board, which provides resources and reports related to targeting best practices in enrollment management, advising, student services, and innovations writ large.

**Transition** – Many thanks to the search committee for their hard work in the process of finding a new Chancellor. Chancellor Bichelmeyer emphasized how appreciative she has been for the support she has received this year, especially toward the end of accepting a nomination for permanent Chancellor. She also noted that she could not accept the nomination despite the connections made and support received because she came here with the express purpose of not co-opting the search process or putting her name in the running. She will however stay through at least July to ensure a smooth transition with Ray Wallace.

Jean Abshire asked the Chancellor for an update about the gun-on-campus incident, and the Chancellor responded by noting that she had just received the final report needed on the incident, and all the pieces are currently being put together so steps toward implementation can be taken.

**EVC Dufrene** began discussing how the early numbers for summer look very good – up 22% compared with last year. That jump may be correlated with the book incentive. Another report comes up on Monday, March 24, and that will include data that goes beyond the enrollment period that included the book incentive. Faculty continues to be encouraged to remind their students about the benefits of taking summer classes and finishing faster.

**Education Advisory Board** – We now have a membership to the EAB in the Academic Affairs Forum. The EAB provides a wealth of information that impacts every academic unit on campus. The EAB conducts and makes available extensive research on best practices for the university in a wide variety of fields. Access will be available to all faculty in the very near future.

**Credit Hour Deficit** – One of the key things that can pull us out of this deficit is program development. The EAB is an excellent resource for helping with this.

**Long-Range Planning Committee** – A meeting was held this morning (3/20) to discuss trends and opportunities outside of the university. Lots of good work is being done with regards to certificate and program development. One key charge put forward by President McRobbie was for each campus and each school to work toward constructive ways of forming partnerships between Liberal Arts and Sciences with Professional schools and disciplines. President Barry noted three main things. At the next Board of Advisors meeting, President Barry will speak for 10 minutes on what the faculty are doing, especially work that involves collaboration with students. He will highlight the Undergraduate and Graduate Research Journals, The Review, and The Voice.
The second point concerns a task force looking at the IU Class Connect and what we can do regarding this. One proposal that will go to the committee addresses lower maximua for introductory and 300- and 400-level courses. Another suggestion will be a statement about campus autonomy. Methods for evaluating teaching effectiveness will also be an ongoing discussion item to ensure optimal quality.

Finally, President Barry, along with the Executive Committee, plans to meet with the new Chancellor when he visits on April 7. He wants to ensure that we are doing the best we can to prepare for his arrival. Chancellor Bichelmeyer added that the campus leadership is collecting a care package of sorts with materials from around the campus that he should see and be aware of before beginning in July.

Circulars: APC Action Items

**Circular 14-8A – PSY-P 411:** Neural Base of Learning & Memory – accepted

**Circular 14-8B – BUSE-F 501** (Foundations in Accounting), **BUSE-F 502** (Foundations in Finance), **BUSE-F 503** (Foundations in Economics), **BUSE-F 504** (Foundations in Marketing), **BUSE-F 505** (Foundations in Statistics), **BUSE-F 506** (Foundations in Operations Management) – Anne Allen proposed that all be accepted as a group, and it was so.

**Circular 14-H – Master of Science in Nursing** – accepted

Library Committee – Action Item

**Circular 14-I – Library Space Utilization** – Marty Rosen explained the rationale for the proposal, which seeks to judiciously pare down the infrequently used stacks on the bottom floor of the library, bring the books from the third floor to the basement, and thereby free up approximately 20,000 square feet of premium space upstairs. The proposal would pave the way for new teaching and learning spaces to be created to complement classroom space. After a couple of minutes of clarifying discussion, the motion was approved.

Faculty Affairs Committee Information Item

**Circular 14-J – 2013 Report on Faculty Service** – Tabled due to time constraints.

**New Business:** Chancellor Bichelmeyer proposed that, during next month’s meeting when this item is brought up again, the Senate bring ideas on how to better involve faculty in the life of the campus.

Cliff Staten read a resolution from the English department endorsing the appointment of Chancellor Wallace as a tenured English Professor. This resolution notes that proper procedure was not followed by University Administration concerning this matter. After several minutes of discussion about both the language of the statement and the potential implications of such a statement, a motion was made to table this item until the April 10 meeting. The motion to **table** was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 pm.