Indiana University Southeast  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
April 10, 2014  14-9  2:45 p.m.  UC127  
James Barry, President

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

Absent with Alternate: Brian Jones (Jacob Babb), Jackie Johnson (Marty Rosen)

Absent without Alternate: Shifa Podikunju-Hussain, Peter Galvin, Laura Mcilvoy, Terrence O’Connor, Andrew Takomi

Present: Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council: Jason Meriwether, Dana Wavle, Marty Rosen, Jacquelyn Reid, Joe Wert, 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 President Barry opened the meeting, noting briefly that Chancellor Bichelmeyer and Executive VC Dufrene were not present for today’s meeting and that VC Meriwether would be coming a bit later to discuss pertinent enrollment figures. President Barry noted Chancellor Wallace’s recent visit and that the Executive Committee had a chance to meet with him for about an hour.

Anne Allen was recognized to speak to bring the APC items to the Senate for approval. It was moved that Circulars A (NURS-L574), B (NURS-L579), and C (NURS-T670) be approved as a bloc, and both this motion and the three circulars were promptly accepted. Circular D (Public Sector Management – undergrad) was approved. Circular E (Public Sector Management – PBC) was approved without discussion also.

Anne Allen gave a description of and defense for Circular F (Uniform Calendar Resolution) that APC put forward. Essentially, it is believed that if there is going to be a degree of uniformity vis-à-vis campus start and end dates, the campuses would benefit from having uniform breaks as well. This motion takes into consideration especially the conflict that German and French courses that utilize the Eagle Eye technology face with regard to synchronous language study at Southeast and South Bend. It is expected that more courses will eventually follow this model and need to follow the same schedule in order for all students and faculty involved to receive the same breaks. Several minutes of discussion along these lines followed, as well as a hearty discussion regarding the forfeiture of calendric autonomy. A friendly amendment suggesting the words “and standardization” be nixed from the final sentence of the resolution. The proposal was ultimately approved with this friendly amendment.

Circular G was an English Department Resolution put forward as an information item. The senate officially endorsed this resolution.

The Faculty Senate endorsed the New Business item, officially endorsing the appointment of Ray Wallace to the position of Chancellor and welcoming him as a tenured Professor of English.
A second New Business item was brought to the Senate. The Academic Calendar for 2014-2015 was brought before the Senate because it was not approved in the prior fall term as it ordinarily should have been. Several minutes of discussion ensued. Pat Fawcett highlighted the change in Summer 1 start date to a Wednesday, from a Tuesday. This should eliminate the imbalance in the schedule, allowing all courses, whether Monday-Wednesday, Tuesday-Thursday, or otherwise to have the same number of meeting days. Some discussion was also held regarding the fall schedule, especially vis-à-vis the Thanksgiving break, and whether it would be possible to have the entire week off instead of coming to class just that Monday. Ideas were bounced around, but no formal proposals were made. The 2014-2015 calendar proposal was officially endorsed as written.

No other new business was proposed, and the meeting was turned over to VC Meriwether for his updates. VC Meriwether began by thanking the faculty for their participation in his efforts to market directly to the students to get them to enroll for summer. It seems to be paying off well, as summer enrollment is currently up 10% from last year at this point. VC Meriwether expects a 6%-7% increase by the census date.

Fall is down 8.7%, but this is mainly because our efforts have been focused on summer registration. VC Meriwether is confident that once summer begins and emphasis is placed on fall registration, those students will enroll. He also intends to make summer and fall registration a singular item instead of a two-part process in the future, with the goal of getting more students to enroll for both simultaneously.

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