Members Present: James Barry, President, Virginia Anderson, Rebecca Carlton, George Harvey, Brian Jones, Brian Atwater, Doug Barney, Michael Harris, Arun Srinivasan, Alan Wong, Jim Hollenbeck, Shifa Podikunju-Hussain, Kent Edmonds, Peter Galvin, 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: Jackie Johnson (Marty Rosen)
Absent without Alternate: Pat Daly, Jamie Kauffman, Bradford Griggs, Susan Ridout, Glenn Mason, Terrence O'Connor, Andrew Takomi
Present: Administration, Ex Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council: Barb Bichelmeyer, Uric Dufrene, Jason Meriwether, Dana Wavle, Samantha Earley, Jay White, Marty Rosen, Elaine Haub, Jacquelyn Reid, Joe Wert, Greg Roberts, Rebecca Turner

President Barry called the meeting to order at 2:45. The roll was passed with instructions to initial for yourself or sign if attending for someone else. The minutes were approved as written.

Anne Allen was called on to introduce the APC items. President Barry asked for a motion to consider Circulars 14-10A through 14-10N as a block since they are all Nursing courses. This motion was accepted and all of the Nursing courses were accepted without discussion. Circular 14-10O (PHYS-P218) was approved as written. Circulars 14-10P through 14-10Y were accepted as a block as well. These are all SPH (Public Health) courses.

Circular 14-10Z: Certificate in General Education – Dr. Allen began the discussion with an explanation of the certificate and its role within the university, especially vis-à-vis Weekend University. Jean Abshire noted her concern regarding the inclusion of Social Science’s name on the certificate given that Social Science unanimously voted against the certificate. George Harvey brought up the point that there are no courses as part of the program that fall within the list of courses specifically designated as “critical thinking” courses, and thus the sub-title to this certificate is misleading. Dean Haub noted that the 5-credit Physical Sciences course required does count as one such example. Dean Earley brought up the point that the courses listed do involve critical thinking as part of the coursework, to which Dr. Harvey reiterated that his concern was simply that the courses do not meet the requirements of those with the designation of critical thinking courses and thus the title is misleading. A motion was made to amend the title, striking the subtitle and keeping the title as only “Certificate in General Education”. This motion was passed.

Dr. Anderson initiated a discussion about whether a certificate seeker must ultimately pursue this program strictly during weekends (given that the document never explicitly states this) and about whether Weekend University (esp. vis-à-vis staffing classes) is sufficiently viable to handle the students who might enroll for such a program. Several minutes of discussion followed concerning these and other points of ambiguity, like how these students count toward our metrics and the degree of student preparedness given that many will come in with high school equivalency credits. Dr. Hunt also brought up the concern that students who go on for a Bachelor’s after the certificate will have completed most or all of their Gen Ed classes such that they will be forced to take more difficult, upper level courses
without being able to balance them with lower level classes, thereby making their program much more difficult to complete. A vote was taken to send the item back to APC for further revision and consideration, but this vote did not pass. The motion was voted on, and the Certificate in General Education was ultimately approved. A written ballot was taken to confirm this vote and no hanging chads were found that would discredit the vote.

Circular 14-10 AA: Second Language Competency Certificate – approved
Circular 14-10 BB: Certificate in Sustainability – approved

Degree Program Change
Circular 14-10 CC: MS Transition to Teaching, from the School of Education – approved

New Minor
Circular 14-10 DD: Minor in Sustainability – approved

Budgetary Affairs – Action Item
Circular 14-10 EE: Budget Recommendations 2014-2015 – Steve Bowman began the discussion by reading a text drafted to counter the language of the Budget Recommendation that states full-time faculty are better equipped to teach students. The language in the resolution emphasizes that students are unequivocally better off taking full-time faculty compared to those who teach part-time. If this is the case, students should be upset with IU Southeast for knowingly providing inferior instruction. Virginia Anderson acknowledged the unnecessarily negative tone of the document and proposed a change to the document, already approved by the Budgetary Affairs committee, to strike this language from the document. A handout with the friendly amendment was distributed to the Senate. A vote was taken and the middle section of the document, beginning with “On the whole...” and followed by five inset bullets, was struck. After a bit more discussion, a motion was passed to vote on the general recommendations separately from the appendices of the circular. This motion was approved. The three levels of budget recommendations were ultimately approved but the appendices did not pass and would thus be sent back to the committee.

Final Senate SPOC Committee – Information Item
Circular 14-10 FF: SPOC Final Report – this item was accepted as an info item, and no time was available for discussing it.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.