Indiana University Southeast
Faculty Senate Minutes
September 18, 2014  15-3  2:45 p.m.  UC127
James Barry, President

Members Present: James Barry, President, George Harvey, Michael Hutchins, Jamie Kauffman, Diane Russell, Kathleen Arano, Doug Barney, Kathy Ernstberger, Bradford Griggs, Shifa Podikunju-Hussain, Susan Ridout, Pam Connerly, Kent Edmonds, Jodi Henderson, Laura Mcilvoy, Adam Maksl, Cliff Staten, Rhonda Wrzenski, Steve Bowman, Ron Endris
Absent with Alternate: Emily Sheehan (Brian Jones), Arun Srinivasan (Eric Schansberg), Jackie Johnson (Marty Rosen), Jean Abshire (Ron Allman)
Absent without Alternate: Pat Daly, Michael Harris, Mary Bradley, Peter Galvin, Suranga Hettiarachchi, Randy Hunt, Terrence O’Connor, Andrew Takomi

Present: Administration, Ex-Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council: Chancellor Wallace, EVC Uric Dufrene, VC Jason Meriwether, VC Dana Wavle, Samantha Earley, Marty Rosen, Elaine Haub, Joe Wert, Greg Roberts, Rebecca Turner, Saundra Gordon

President Barry called the meeting to order. The roll was passed with instructions to sign for yourself or to sign if you were attending for someone else. He then dove straight into the action items, per the revised format of the agenda.

The first item President Barry sought to gain approval for was the provisional Online Advisory Committee (Circular 15-3A) for 2014-2015. Dean Earley proposed a friendly amendment that certain staff members be considered for inclusion in this committee. The potential, additional members put forward were the campus representative to the system-wide IU Online Advisory Committee and one member from ILTE that does online training on campus. Pam and Cliff clarified and supported the point that the committee would be focusing principally on academic affairs, consulting with staff members as necessary. After a couple of minutes of discussion, the senate ultimately voted to ratify the proposal as written for the 2014-2015 year, without the addition of these two members.

Subsequently ballots were cast for two Women & Gender Studies positions. Both Misti Whitaker and Sara Walsh were appointed to this committee. Two chairs were also voted on. Melanie Hughes was elected International Programs chair and Laura McIlvoy was appointed chair of the Research & Grants committee.

Circular 15-3B is the faculty senate calendar for 2014-2015. It was noted that the November and February meetings would adjusted by one week to allow for Chancellor Wallace to attend the Board of Trustees meetings at those times and still come to the senate meetings. The agenda was summarily approved.

Anne Allen then introduced the various APC items. Circular 15-3C (EALC-J492) was swiftly approved. Circulars 15-3D-E (all Fine Arts courses) were approved as a block. The senate then approved Circulars 15-3F (GER-G346), 15-3G-I (all Nursing courses), and Circular 15-3J (SPH-S251) without discussion.

For Circular 13-5K, Anne pointed out that this is a new major, not a new concentration. (This agenda posted online reflects this change.) After a brief discussion, the new major Fine Arts – Digital Art and Interactive Media was approved.
Circular 13-5L, a proposal for an undergraduate Professional Writing Certificate, was approved without hesitation.

Anne noted the three FYI items on the agenda, but no discussion concerning them arose. These regard minor changes to the BFA Studio major and the BA in Studio Art majors, minor changes to the MLS concentration, and minor changes in Psychology.

President Barry then turned the meeting over to Chancellor Wallace, who began his remarks with thanks for the warm welcome he has received since coming to campus. He then spoke about the gun/umbrella incident, noting how pleased he was with the response of our police officers and the procedures that were followed. Having looked at the umbrella himself, Chancellor Wallace reassured the faculty that it did look like a gun and he also reassured the student that he did the right thing to call it in.

The entire situation will be reviewed to ensure that we are optimally prepared the next time this happens. One area of focus in particular will be our capacity to print the images that depicted the potential suspect. This inability complicated the search as eye witness description became the principal means of identification. Locks on classrooms were a concern, but the Chancellor stressed that locks are not a surefire panacea. A “safe area” could be a locked room or a barricaded room with the lights off.

President Barry asked VC Wavle for a follow-up on the announcement system through the fire alarms. VC Wavle explained that a major overhaul of the fire alarms has just been completed and we now have the ability to make announcements or warnings. The difficulty in this situation was that we didn’t have personnel to make the announcement in this case as the chief was off-campus at the time and only one other officer was on duty.

The Chancellor next addressed the budget situation. We are 2.8% down on credit hours. VC Wavle noted that this will cause a decrease in revenues of about $900,000. It is also likely that a 2% pullback from state operating appropriations will hit the campus this fiscal year also, creating a total of around a $1,000,000 shortfall. This is the impetus for the 10% reduction of campus budgets. These funds will be reinstated on July 1, 2015.

Marty Rosen inquired into the dollar figure attached to the 10%, across-the-board budget reduction. VC Wavle noted that this amount will almost cover the budget shortfall, but not entirely. To cover the shortfall completely, a budget reduction of between 11.8% and 12% would have been necessary, and the administration didn’t want to go that high. The Chancellor noted that if there is another round of cuts, it will not be across-the-board, but rather more strategic.

Regarding the impact of the bridges on our enrollment, Uric is confident that we will ultimately see a net gain once the dust settles. Further, Tanlee noted that we have received more than 1,100 responses from the survey that just went out concerning the bridges. This is the most that we have ever received from a survey. The feedback on this will be looked at closely.

Anne Allen inquired about whether we were in talks with TARC about providing better or more frequent service with our campus and what might be done for them to include us more frequently on their routes. The Chancellor noted that he has a meeting with their officials in October to discuss this. He will also discuss bus service between IU Southeast, Purdue, and Ivy Tech.
The Chancellor noted that John Applegate will be on campus Monday the 22\textsuperscript{nd} and among his series of meetings is one with the Senate Executive Committee. He will also be meeting with the Chancellor during this time.

Despite the challenges our campus faces re: enrollment, we continue to be second among the regionals and we stand above the baseline metrics. The six-year graduation rate will continue to be our primary metric of concern, given that our mission does differ from that of Bloomington or IUPUI. Our four-year graduation rate has never been above 9\% while our six-year hovers around 32\% and is trending upward. A strength particular to us among the other regional campuses is our relatively low default rate among our students.

Recently two members on the Board of Advisors have been replaced. Compared to the other regional campuses, we have comparatively fewer. The Chancellor would like to change our Board of Advisors model to be more like that of the other regionals. We will also be naming the Chair for that board shortly. The Chancellor concluded his remarks with a handout outlining degrees awarded over the past five years. He stressed that these numbers are baseline and that we will work from here to improve our campus.

EVC Dufrene next addressed four of the major goals for the coming year. The first regards enrollment growth and retention. Flags are one avenue to proactively assist those students that may need extra attention. Seamless transfers are a second focal point, especially from JCTC. IU Southeast will also continue to focus on strategic online development for courses. Finally, General Education and program development will continue to take center stage in our discussions.

President Barry requested a five-minute extension of the meeting, which was granted. He briefly noted that John Applegate would be coming on Monday the 22\textsuperscript{nd}, he offered a couple of words about UFC amendments, and he concluded with an update about the Senate’s upcoming deliberations re: departments and chairs on campus. The meeting concluded at 4:04 pm.