Indiana University Southeast
Faculty Senate Minutes
October 16, 2014  15-4  2:45 p.m.  UC127
James Barry, President

Members Present: James Barry, President, George Harvey, Michael Hutchins, Jamie Kauffman, Diane Russell, Emily Sheehan, Johnny Alse, Kathleen Arano, Kathy Ernstberger, Bradford Griggs, Shifa Podikunj-Hussain, Susan Ridout, Pam Connerly, Kent Edmonds, Clint Franklin, Jodi Henderson, Laura Mcilvoy, Jean Abshire, Cliff Staten, Steve Bowman, Ron Endris
Absent with Alternate: Jackie Johnson (Marty Rosen), Adam Maksl (Ron Allman), Rhonda Wrzenski (Todd Manson)
Absent without Alternate: Pat Daly, Doug Barney, Michael Harris, Mary Bradley, Peter Galvin, Suranga Hettiarachchi, Randy Hunt, Patricia Ranaivo, Terrence O’Connor, Andrew Takomi
Present: Administration, Ex-Officio Faculty, Professional Staff Council, Guests: Chancellor Wallace, EVC Uric Dufrene, VC Jason Meriwether, VC Dana Wavle, Marty Rosen, Elaine Haub, Greg Roberts, Saundra Gordon, Pat Fawcett, Tanlee Wasson, Sharon Allen, John Doyle

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 moved into the Action Items, with Jean Abshire calling on Anne Allen to introduce these items.

New Courses
Circular 15-4A through Circular 15-4D were approved individually, without discussion. These were BUSE-B 517, CSCI-B 545, GER-G 345, and POLS-Y 387.

Circular 15-4E through Circular 15-4H (all new Sociology courses) were approved as a block, without discussion. These were SOC-S 344, 345, 380, and 381.

Course Change
Circular 15-4I (BUSE-B 513) was summarily approved.

Degree Program Changes
Circular 15-4J – El. Ed. Reading Concentration – approved
Circular 15-4K – Secondary Ed. Reading Concentration – approved
Circular 15-4L – Education: Reading License – approved
Circular 15-4M – Bachelors in General Studies – Jean Abshire raised a concern re: lessening the requirements for the BGS and thereby weakening the requirements. Chris Kimmer spoke to this, noting that there is currently an issue with the BGS causing students to go over the 120 credit hour limit – in particular transfer students coming in with credits already. The proposed change would lower the required hours for this degree from 26 back to 18, where it once stood, eliminating this concern. The proposal was ultimately approved.
Circular 15-4N – B.A. in Sociology – approved

Degree Name Change
Circular 15-4O – Change from Master of Liberal Studies (MLS) to Master of Interdisciplinary Studies (MIS); Kathy Ernstberger raised a concern about using the abbreviation MIS, due to potential confusion with the often used abbreviation for other programs, but no formal or friendly amendments were made. The change was ultimately approved.
Changes to Minor
Circular 15-4P – Criminology and Criminal Justice minor – approved

New Cognates
Circular 15-4Q – Informatics: International Relations and Circular 15-4R – Informatics: Public Service & Public Policy were considered together. John Doyle, at Johnny Alse’s request, gave a brief description of a cognate. John explained that a cognate is a concentration in an area not necessarily related to the student’s current field but that allows the Informatics student to study this field outside of Natural Sciences. It is essentially interdisciplinary. Both cognates were ultimately approved.

New Minors
Circular 15-4S – Multimedia Journalism (Social Sciences) – approved
Circular 15-4T – Public Relations (Social Sciences) – approved

New Tracks
Circular 15-4U – Multimedia Journalism (Social Sciences) – approved
Circular 15-4V – Public Relations (Social Sciences) – approved

New Certificates
All new certificates were considered together, and all were approved without discussion. These are:
Circular 15-4W – Asian Affairs (undergrad)
Circular 15-4X – Asian Affairs (post-baccalaureate certificate)
Circular 15-4Y – European Affairs (undergrad)
Circular 15-4Z – European Affairs (post-baccalaureate certificate)
Circular 15-4AA – International Affairs (post-baccalaureate certificate)
Circular 15-4BB – Latin American Affairs (undergrad)
Circular 15-4CC – Latin American Affairs (post-baccalaureate certificate)

FYI Items
Several FYI items were included in the agenda. Two relate to Economics, two to Political Science, two to Sociology, and three to the various M.S. in Education tracks. No discussion was raised about these items. Please see the agenda for more information about these.

The Chancellor began his report by noting his recent trip to the Board of Trustees meeting in Indianapolis. A major point of conversation was a recent Chronicle article on Indiana University. IU Southeast came off looking strong, especially compared to some of the other regional campuses. The Bloomington and Indianapolis campuses looked different than the regional campuses in the report, and this provided an instructive point of conversation for those discussing the report.

IU Southeast is going to be working more closely with the Harrison County Foundation both to attract more funding and to bring in more students. Some of this funding will be geared toward full scholarships for working adults in Harrison County.

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The Chancellor met with the Metroversity presidents recently. In tandem with the 55,000 Degrees initiative, there is conversation about changing outreach to all our campuses and obtaining a full-time administrator to focus on recruiting more students into the Metroversity.

State Representative and Crothersville Superintendent Terry Goodin met recently with the Chancellor. Chancellor Wallace noted how he would like IU Southeast to offer courses to his school district one day. Uric and some others will begin dialog in the coming months to see to what extent we can make this happen. Dr. Goodin is an important connection for this campus, not only because he’s a Superintendent, but also because he is a major power in the state budget committee.

The Chancellor is going to be working with Senate President Barry on a task force to continue discussions re: the change to departments and department chairs. Chancellor Wallace will be submitting a list of names to President Barry, who will respond in kind with a list, and meetings will begin shortly thereafter.

Food consultants have been on campus, meeting with both students and faculty, to see what can and cannot be done. Kudos were received for the quality of the food already in place, but investigation will continue to see if there are other ways to improve service and quality.

Eva Kor will be coming to campus to speak, in partnership with Dr. Staten’s Common Experience Night. She is a survivor of Dr. Mengele’s experimentations in Auschwitz. The Chancellor had the chance to bring her to Arkansas, where she wowed attendees, and he anticipates a similar response will be felt here.

The Board of Advisors recently, unanimously, appointed Norman Stiefler as their Chair. Pat Moore has announced that he is leaving the area this December, and so another person will be joining the Board of Advisors in his stead shortly thereafter.

Don and Cathy Smith have just handed over the first 12 paintings from their private collection to what will be called the Wonderland Way Art Collection, to be housed in the Ogle Center. Their total gift to the campus will total approximately $350,000. They also have friends who may give to this Art Collection as well.

Harvest Homecoming was a terrific event for IU Southeast. Our maintenance crew put together a float that won first prize. A strong turnout from a wide cross-section of the IU Southeast family was on hand for the occasion. The Chancellor heard many positive remarks from members of the community thanks to our turnout.

The Chancellor also had the opportunity to speak with the Windsor Society in New Albany. They were quite welcoming and eager to have the Chancellor speak to their group. It appears there is a good opportunity for more gifts to the campus from this generous group.

Jamie Kaufmann inquired into possible future uses for the recently completed amphitheater. The Chancellor noted that he hopes to see more concerts and plays given there, in addition to using it as a venue that members of the community can utilize. With the right funding, it would be nice to finish the amphitheater in a traditional form, with seating in the round.

EVC Dufrene began his remarks with thanks to Anne Allen and APC for their hard work. They have begun meeting three times a month in order to discuss all of the items that are coming their way. The Regional Research Initiative deadline was October 15, with several research proposals being submitted. Two major objectives of this Initiative are to provide additional support to faculty to do research, but also for IU
Southeast to demonstrate, through the research our faculty does, the value of a regional campus for the local community.

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness completed their bridge tolls survey. The response rate across the board was very high. A group is being assembled to analyze the surveys and to brainstorm how we can reply to the responses.

The Vice Chancellor noted that, in support of our mission to focus on Retention this year, a team led by Angela Salas submitted a proposal for IU Southeast to participate in a four-year Academy for Student Persistence and Completion. We are currently waiting to hear back from the HLC to ascertain whether we have been accepted into this program.

Flags continue to be a useful tool used widely by the faculty. The more we use them, the more data we will have to demonstrate their utility to the campus and to the university. The Coordinators Retreat, held a few weeks ago, also discussed the use of flags. Transfers and 2 + 2 agreements continue to be discussed and will continue to be a point of focus in the coming weeks and months. JCTC remains the principal school we want to focus on, given both their large student body and also the comparatively high persistence rate we see from transferring in their students.

Vice Chancellor Meriwether began by mentioning that Traci Armes has just been hired as the new director of Financial Aid. She hails from Indiana Wesleyan. From there he moved into the four main goals for Enrollment Management in 2014-2015. These goals are available as a handout on the Faculty Senate website.

The four goals are as follows:
1) Develop Enrollment Structure and Plan
2) Increase Student Retention
3) Increase Recruitment of High School and Transfer Students
4) Establish Student Communication Life Cycle

VC Meriwether also gave an update about the Fall to Fall Quartile Project. By focusing our attention on the 2nd and 3rd Quartiles of students, we have been able to increase credit hours taken by 701 credits in that group. That equates to about $148,000 in additional revenue. Extra communication and outreach efforts also led to about $184,000 in extra revenue from students enrolling in Summer II 2014 courses that they may not otherwise have taken. These data items are available as a handout on the Faculty Senate website as well.

President Barry began his remarks by noting that the Chancellor will be officially installed on Friday, December 5. This will take place at 2:00 pm in the Stem Concert Hall. The Senate leadership team is in the process of discussing a move to full departmental status for departments on campus. Two retreats have taken place with program coordinators to discuss this change. The individual schools on campus will also be discussing this. Nominees to a committee to effect this change are shortly forthcoming.

The vote to add a third co-chair to the UFC is about to take place. An email ballot will be sent out soon to garner said vote. This vote is being taken, and this change is being proposed, in order to give more voice to the regional campuses. Finally, there is a new IU Southeast Sustainability Council led by a student-leader. It overlaps nicely with the academic sustainability initiatives on campus.

There was no new business, and the meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.