Members Present: James Barry, President, George Harvey, Michael Hutchins, Jamie Kauffman, Diane Russell, Emily Sheehan, Johnny Alse, Kathleen Arano, Doug Barney, Kathy Ernstberger, Eric Schansberg, Bradford Griggs, Susan Ridout, Pam Connerly, Kent Edmonds, Clint Franklin, Suranga Hettiarachchi, Randy Hunt, Jodi Henderson, Laura McIlvoy, Jean Abshire, Adam Maksl, Cliff Staten, Rhonda Wrzenski, Steve Bowman, Ron Endris

Absent with Alternate: Jackie Johnson (Marty Rosen), Patricia Ranaivo (Pam Connerly)

Absent without Alternate: Pat Daly, Mary Bradley, Shifa Podikunju-Hussain, Peter Galvin, 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, Samantha Earley, Jay White, Marty Rosen, Elaine Haub, Joe Wert, Greg Roberts, Stephon Moore, Saundra Gordon, Pat Fawcett, Kate Moore, Annette Wyandotte, Angela Salas, David Taylor

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, asking someone to call on Anne Allen to introduce these items.

Circular 15-5A (Econ E 201) and 15-5B (Econ E 202) were brought to the floor. Cliff Staten asked whether these would be replacing Econ E-150 and E-200, it was noted that they are, and the two courses were subsequently approved.

The senate approved the following new courses without discussion: Circulars 15-5C (HIST-W 101), 15-5D (HUMA-U 333), 15-5E (NURS-B 344), 15-5F (PHYS-P 219), and as a block, 15-5G, H, and I (SOC-R 319, 322, and 432). Course Change Request 15-5K (PHY-P 103) was approved without discussion as well.

New Concentration:
Circular 15-5K (Concentration in Organizational Communication) – The circular was passed after a brief discussion between Johnny Alse and Samantha Earley, with input from Greg Roberts, concerning the specific requirements for the concentration in Organizational Communication.

New Grad Certificate:
Circular 15-5L (Program Leadership and Evaluation) – approved

Program Changes:
Circular 15-5M – M.S. in Counseling – approved
Circular 15-5N – Minimum Grade requirement – Music – approved

Distribution Change:
Circular 15-5O – Addition of MATH-M 380 (History of Math) to the BA in History – Cliff Staten asked if this change applies only to the distribution requirement for History, and whether the Historians were consulted, and Anne Allen confirmed both queries. The motion was then accepted.
FYI Item:
Circular 15-5P – SOE Early Space Science – no discussion was had for this information item.

Budgetary Affairs Committee

A motion was passed to allow David Taylor, chair of the BAC, to address the Senate re: Circular 15-5Q, the Budgetary Recommendations on Summer. Dr. Taylor gave an overview of the document and some of the history behind its preparation. This was followed by Stephen Bowman’s concerns on behalf of the part-time faculty concerning the language in Appendix A, at the third bullet point. Peter Riefstahl passed out a document, prepared by Mr. Bowman in conjunction with the part-time faculty, to lay out in written form their concerns as well as possible textual revisions for the language in question. Marty Rosen added to the conversation, indicating not only how much time has been spent on this document and how the language could be taken offensively, but also the relative lack of time spent discussing the adjunct situation as a whole.

Dr. Taylor noted the support by the members of the BAC for the recent revisions as well as the effort expended to revise this document. He also highlighted his personal respect for part-time faculty, having hired many and tried to incorporate many in the life of the campus. Many full-time faculty and administrators also wish that we could hire some of our part-time faculty members into full-time positions, but the current fiscal situation does not allow this.

Discussion continued for several minutes, with multiple voices contributing to the conversation. Stephon Moore noted, from a student perspective, that the adjunct instructors he has had have been very good. Emily Sheehan noted that removing the language altogether might make sense in this case. Marty Rosen inquired into the language of the third bullet point, asking whether it was necessary to draw attention to the upper level courses specifically.

Dean Earley asked about point number 1 of this circular, under Administrative Planning, and the budgeting process that transpires, especially as it relates to summer policies. The Chancellor was unable at this point to speak to the exact deliberation process held by IU administration or by the other regional Chancellors, except to say that his goal is to have a robust mix of upper- and lower-level summer courses. Fiscally, though, we cannot lose inordinate amounts of money creating this mix. The Dean followed up her initial question by probing the efficacy of this first point, exploring whether or to what extent this statement makes a difference. The Chancellor noted that he ultimately has final responsibility for the financial well-being of the campus, but that he welcomes input and suggestions both from those above him and from those on this campus. Dr. Taylor noted that the Budgetary Affairs Committee included this language in order to demonstrate support for the Chancellor, since decisions made off this campus, like the 25% summer tuition reduction, undermine the Chancellor’s authority to make decisions that may be in the best interest of this campus.

A short discussion followed, led by Dean Earley’s enquiry about the total of the student fees revenue and student credit hours on the first page of 15-5Q. David Taylor confirmed that these numbers reflect a combination of both undergraduate and graduate totals. In the 2014 summer session, undergraduate tuition revenue and headcount went up while graduate tuition revenue and headcount went down.

Stephan Bowman moved that the language of bullet three of Appendix A be replaced with the first substitute from the handout provided. A vote was taken and the Senate did not endorse this change. Dr. Hutchins moved that the bullet be replaced with option three provided on the handout from the part-
time faculty. The language of the replacement was discussed, but no change was formally accepted. A vote was taken but this motion was not accepted either. The question was ultimately called, with a 16-5 majority accepting that the Senate vote on this item and continue with the agenda. Finally, a vote was taken to accept Circular 15-5Q as it was presented to the Senate, and this motion carried.

During the discussion on Circular 15-5R, Marty Rosen and David Taylor had a brief discussion, clarifying the language of paragraph three, which speaks of increasing “revenue for revenue’s sake” in relation to Activity-Based Budgeting. Although juxtaposed, it was pointed out that the example used for Activity-Based Budgeting is not necessarily illustrative of the problem associated with Activity-Based Budgeting. Criminal Justice is in fact a rapidly growing program, but it does not at this point exemplify the problem associated with Activity-Based Budgeting. After this brief discussion, the circular was voted on and accepted by the Senate.

Kate Moore was asked by the Senate to speak re: Circular 15-5S, an information item presented to the Senate on behalf of the Improvement of Learning Committee. The IOLC is gathering feedback from the Faculty Senate for the Trustees’ Teaching Award to pass on to the Chancellor. Annette Wyandotte added that although this is just an Information Item at this point, feedback from the Senate – pro, con, or otherwise – will be submitted with the feedback of the IOLC to the Chancellor as input for his decision.

Pam Connerly spoke favorably of the suggested change, highlighting the value of recognizing more of our faculty on an annual basis. Several others audibly concurred.

Diane Russell offered a counter-argument, noting that although it may look bad having the same person win each year, it may also be illustrative of the hard work put in by that faculty member each year to garner this award. Johnny Alse added that making the award more broadly available would be beneficial to younger faculty soon to go up for promotion and tenure. Doug Barney added a word of support as well, indicating that spreading the award out more broadly has value. Anne Allen added her support for the document, indicating how it could encourage other faculty to try for the award without fear that the same person might win it again if they had one it several times previously.

Dean Earley enquired into the root of the problem – whether it’s the same teachers winning each year because they’re excellent teachers, or because they’ve found the formula to win the TTA award? Elaine Haub commented that the latter was the case. Dean Earley responded that if the problem lies with figuring how the formula to win, then the formula for recognition ought to be changed – whether broadened, narrowed, or otherwise.

Jean Abshire added her impression about the restrictions, or lack thereof, at other regional campuses. Kate clarified that IU Northwest has a rule in place that limits faculty to winning this award to four times in their career. IU Kokomo has a similar restriction as well.

Elaine Haub was given the final word, and she highlighted that a greater variety of people won the award in years past when the application process required faculty to submit less documentation, especially having to write a new document.

The meeting was extended by five minutes.

Circular 15-5T – a task force on changes to program structure – approved without discussion.
The meeting was extended for another five minutes.

Chancellor Wallace forwent his allotted time, except to note that he may come back to discuss further Circular 15-5Q, Budgetary Recommendations on Summer.

EVC Dufrene made a couple of quick comments. He began by thanking the faculty for submitting grant proposals for the Regional Research Initiative. IU Southeast will fund three, with the winners announced soon.

IU Class Connect is up and rolling, with IU Southeast second in enrollments behind only IU East. In terms of the number of classes on IUC, IU Southeast is second, tied with IU Northwest.

There has been about a 60% increase in the use of Flags from this point last year. The feedback gained from this increase will be gathered and used to assist us in our goal of increased retention.

EVP Applegate and his colleague Dr. Michael Rushton will be on campus to discuss the Bicentennial Strategic Plan. They will be soliciting feedback to ascertain ways to improve this document.

An initial meeting has taken place to discuss the bridge tolls and their impact on the campus. More on this will be coming in the future.

President Barry added a quick note about the meeting with EVC Applegate. The meeting will take place in UC 122 at 12 pm on Wednesday, November 19. He also encouraged the faculty to come to the Chancellor’s installation on December 5 and to encourage friends and students to come. The Chancellor added that there would be a wine and cheese gathering on Monday, December 1 as a kick-off to that week.

President Barry asked if there was any new business and two points were raised. The first was a request that Kate Moore send the second bullet point of her IOLC recommendation to the all-faculty listserv so that more feedback may be gathered. The second was a reminder that the deadline is tomorrow, November 14, to vote on an amendment for a third co-chair on the UFC, to come from one of the regional campuses.

No other new business was entertained and the meeting was adjourned.