

# **FACULTY SENATE**

## **AGENDA**

**Friday, May 9, 2003**

**1:15 P.M.**

**UC 206**

**Announcements and Introductions**

**Report from the Presidents Office**

**Report from Provost and Vice President's Office**

**Approval of minutes from meeting # 11 (May 2, 2003)**

**Report from Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Election of At-Large Senate Faculty Member and At-Large Alternate**

**Election of Senate Chair for academic year 2003-2004**

**Schedule Fall Faculty Senate Retreat**

**Adjournment**

University of Southern Indiana  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
Session #12  
Room: UC 206  
Date: Friday, May 9, 2003

Approved

Members Present: C. Baker, S. Blunt, A. Foroughi, S. Hall (for M. Graham), R. Hartl, R. Jeffers, S. Blunt, R. Reid (ex-officio), K. Rodgers, S. Sullivan, C. Tripp

**1. Call to order at 1:15P.M.**

**2. Announcements**

- Foughi offered his opinion that the university's efforts toward encouraging and supporting diversity may be better served when diversity is approached from the perspective of a strategy rather than from the perspective of compliance. Abbi provided Senate members with copies of Vectren's philosophy on diversity as an example of strategic diversity and recommended that USI may wish to reconsider its initiatives in diversity
- C. Baker thanked Dr. Reid for servings 28 years at USI, and for very capably assisting USI through its many transitions and changes during that time.

**3. Report from Provost and Vice President, Dr. Robert Reid**

- The Board of Trustees meets Saturday May 10 to approve two new majors: Early Childhood Development and International Studies. The Trustees also will consider the university's intellectual property policy.
- USI graduates more than 1400 students Sunday May 11. Faculty Senate members are encouraged to attend that wonderful celebration at Roberts Stadium.
- "It has been a pleasure serving with Faculty Senate this and every year. I wish you the best next fall."

**4. Minutes from meetings #11 and #12 will be considered for approval during the fall retreat Wednesday August 27, 2003.**

**5. The report from the Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee was received by the Senate. (Rodgers/Sullivan)**

- A motion requesting the inclusion of faculty awards recipients such as the Berger Award winner and Professor of the Year in the report were unanimously approved. (Hall/Rodgers)



## **6. Old Business**

- Counting of the At-Large Faculty Senate Member ballots was conducted. C. Baker provided instructions and descriptions of ballot counting procedures; two ballot lists were independently maintained; ballots were counted first by school, then by university; and ballots were recounted. An official list of individuals eligible to vote was checked prior to the opening of each ballot. The election results were as follows.

Paul Doss – At- Large Member  
Julie McCullough – Alternate

## **7. New Business**

- After a description of the several roles served and duties performed by the Faculty Senate Chair, nominations for Faculty Senate Chair was opened.
- Christy Baker was person nominated for Faculty Senate Chair. No one else sought nomination. It was moved and unanimously approved that the nominations be closed. (Jeffers/Rodgers)
- C. Baker was unanimously elected Chair of Faculty Senate for the 2003-04 academic year.

## **8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45P.M.**

Respectfully submitted by Robert Jeffers, Senate Secretary