

# **FACULTY SENATE**

## **Meeting # 7 Agenda**

**January 25, 2002**

**3:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.**

**UC 205**

### **Announcements**

**Report from President Hoops**

**Report from Vice President Robert Reid**

**Approval of minutes from meeting #6**

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

- Discussion of Task Force Report on Selection and Appointment Procedures for Faculty
- Consideration of Statement of Policy on Textbook and Educational Material Royalties
- Report from Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee
- Report from Economic Benefits Committee

### **Adjournment**

University of Southern Indiana  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
Session # 7  
Room: UC 205  
Date: 1/25/02

Approved

Members Present: C. Baker, J. Davis-Brezette, A. Foroughi, M. Graham, R.L. Reid (ex-officio), R. Hoops (ex-officio), T. Pickett, W. Rinks, P. Shields, S. Sullivan, C. Tripp, M. Vandever, A. White, W. Wilding. Guests: D. Drebushenko, E. Hall, S. Hall, J. Palladino, and a reporter for *The Shield*.

1. Call to Order: 3:00
2. Announcements - Wayne Rinks announced that due to term limit requirements the following Senators will rotate off the Senate at the end of this Senate term: Wayne Rinks, Peggy Shields, Ann White, & William Wilding. Rinks requested that each school hold elections for Faculty Senate in early April of this year.
3. Report from Dr. Hoops – The legislature continues to negotiate the budget. A budget has been submitted by Democratic members which includes a 29 million dollar reduction in higher education. This effort does not include a presentation of the budget from the Republican perspective, thus rendering most of what has been completed preliminary. Dr. Hoops will continue to update faculty and staff on the budget as information becomes available.
4. Report from Dr. Reid – No Report
5. Minutes – Minutes from meeting # 6 were approved. (Davis-Brezette, Graham)
6. Old Business – None
7. New Business
  - a) Task Force Report on Selection and Appointment Procedures for Faculty. Wayne Rinks noted that the report included a majority response and a minority response on one matter. The minority response focused on one area where there was disagreement. The area identified in the report states “The Task Force is unanimous in endorsing most of the policies in this Policy Statement (PS). We differ substantively on only one matter, the dissenting members consider this matter to be of sufficient importance to warrant the rejection of this PS. The point of contention concerns the formal information to be submitted to the dean by the search committee. (Task Force Report on Selection and Appointment Procedures for Faculty, pps. 3-4)

A motion was made that the Senate support the majority report. (White, Vandever). Active discussion followed the motion. Dr. Hoops questioned if the Senate should vote on a task force report. He noted that task force reports, resolutions by the Senate etc., are advisory to the Administration of an institution. Such reports are intended to inform the Senate, administrators and faculty members of findings and

recommendations. Information is carefully reviewed by administrators in consultation with Human Resources and legal counsel.

Steve Sullivan noted that the USI Senate passed a motion to address this issue in the Spring of 2001. Senate minutes dated May 4, 2001 include the following: "The statement in the handbook will now read: Initial selection of candidates is made by the dean with the advice of faculty members in the school or department. The faculty search committee is expected to make a formal recommendation of a specific candidate or candidates." Sullivan's question and statements summarizing previous Senate deliberations were followed by a debate on the interpretation of the wording in terms of ranking search committee recommendations for faculty selection.

Ann White noted that the Task Force was created because the University administration recognized the need to examine the Senate recommendation and the total policy related to faculty selection and appointment.

A question was raised on what procedure is utilized to include language or other changes made to the faculty handbook. Dr. Hoops stated that no final authority is delegated to the university Faculty Senate. The Board of Trustees has ultimate authority over all major changes.

A move was made to withdraw the motion to support the majority response of the Selection and Appointment Procedures for the Faculty Task Force report and table the report until follow up with University administration. (White, Vandever). The motion passed with a vote of 11 yes, and 1 no.

- b) Discussion of Statement of Policy on Textbook and Educational Material Royalties. Joe Palladino noted that the statement was modeled on policy statements from the University of Oklahoma and University of Kansas. It was moved to accept the Statement on Textbook and Educational Materials Royalties. (Graham, Pickett). Questions and comments centered on the use of terms and language such as "costs". Concerns were raised about the designation of the USI bookstore as the sole outlet for the placement of materials such as course packs etc. Another issue identified was the role of policy in regulating faculty receipt of a percentage of book sales when students purchase books through Amazon.com. Due to the number of questions raised a motion to approve the policy was tabled. The motion to table passed unanimously.
- c) Wayne Rinks announced that in receiving recommendations or proposals from committees, the Faculty Senate had the following options:
- Accept the proposal or recommendation without alteration.
  - Accept the proposal or recommendation with alteration. In such cases, the alterations will be communicated to the submitting committee.

- Refer the proposal or recommendation to the submitting committee with a recommendation for further study.
  - Reject the proposal or recommendation with a statement of reasons.
- d) Report from faculty and Academic Affairs Committee - Summer Teaching Faculty Survey. A motion was made to accept the report. (Shields, Davis-Brezette). The motion passed unanimously.
- e) Report from Economic Benefits Committee – It was moved that the Senate accept the report (Sullivan, Graham). The motion passed unanimously.
- f) A motion was made to give special recognition to the Academic Affairs Committee and the Economic Benefits Committee for extraordinary work completed in a timely manner (Shields, Wilding)

Wayne Rinks asked if Senators had any resolutions, alterations, or recommendations for changes. Senators requested additional time to review the committee reports. Rinks recommended that for the next Senate meeting we discuss same gender domestic partner benefits and policies. Senators were encouraged to discuss this with their colleagues and come prepared to respond to the report.

- g) Matthew Graham asked for the Senate to study and provide input on policies related to problems with smoking around the LA building. This was referred to the University Smoking Committee which is not a Senate committee.
- h) Sid Hall asked several questions about the confidentiality of the Higher Education Research Survey. At question was the methodology for tracking survey participants, confidentiality, and the personal nature of some of the questions on the survey. Dr. Reid noted that the follow-up survey included a letter from his office; however, the questionnaire was completely handled by UCLA staff.

8. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Submitted by: C. Christy Baker, Secretary