

**Faculty Senate**  
**September Meeting Agenda**  
Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
3:00 P. M.  
HP 2027

*Announcements*

*Update from President Hoops*

*Report from Dr. Linda Bennett, Provost*

*Minutes*

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005

*Old Business*

*New Business*

*Budget Hearing Planning*

*Adjournment*

University of Southern Indiana  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
Session # 7  
Room: HP2027  
Date: February 4, 2005

Members Present: J. Bandoli, L. Bennett, ex-officio, P. Cashel-Cordo, D. Cousert (in lieu of J. Davis-Brezette), P. Doss, R. Hoebeke, H. Ray Hoops, ex-officio, L. Howard, M. Krahling, L. Nunn, I. Phillips, R. Priest (in lieu of M. Graham), K. Valadares, B. Wilding.

M. McCullough, Sr. Administrative Associate for Academic Affairs

Members Absent: M. Graham, J. Davis-Brezette

Guests: Todd Schroer

**1. Call to order at 3:00pm.**

**2. Report from President Hoops:**

a) Last week, the Presidents of a number of Indiana Universities met with Governor Daniels to discuss his vision for higher education in the State. Overall, the meeting was positive. A summary:

- He is looking for increased efficiency of operations.
- He did want to talk about common purchasing pools for higher education.
- He is opposed to price controls directed to Universities.

**2. Announcements from the Chair:**

- a) The 2004 Award winner of the H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award, Eric von Fuhrmann, Associate Professor of English, will present a lecture: "The Dumbing Down of American Higher Education," on Monday February 14<sup>th</sup> @ 300 pm. in Carter Hall.
- b) The SET committee will be reconvening soon.
- c) SGA elections require faculty judges (March 28-30). Faculty are encouraged to volunteer their time.
- d) The Faculty Senate budget hearing presentation is scheduled for Monday February 21<sup>st</sup> @ 855am in UC201-202. Please attend as many presentations as possible.
- e) The University Curriculum Committee is requesting that the due dates for faculty to send all curriculum petitions to the Provost's office be November 1 for the next fall and March 1 for the next spring and summer.

**3. Report from the Provost and V.P. of Academic Affairs, Dr. Linda Bennett.**

Dr. Bennett distributed a mid year status report from Academic Affairs. She is interested in entertaining questions about any of the proposed initiatives. It is included:

Status Report Given at Academic Affairs Mid-Year Planning Discussion of 1/31/05  
Initiatives undertaken since last year:

- Summer sessions enrollment improvement (creation of website and better marketing of opportunities).
- Creation of University Advising Council and greater attention to academic advising, including New Student Orientation sessions.
- Scholarship of Engagement – A series of workshops and other initiatives linked to an emphasis on a broad definition of scholarship including Boyer’s four domains.
- Engagement activities:
  - CAP – has potential to link to other efforts, including math pedagogy initiative (through outreach to area teachers and better understanding of our students’ needs when they arrive at USI).
  - Off-Campus/Distance Education efforts are important to reach different populations of students.
  - Center for Applied Research – has just received some support from federal monies and offers a way of fostering more opportunities for the scholarship of engagement.
  - Excellence through Engagement grant [details below]
- Math pedagogy initiative – Concern about the “churning” of students in math classes with average student taking the same class at least 3 times.
- NCA/HLC renewal of accreditation and Self-Study.
- Conversion from SIS+ to Banner. We need to anticipate how to bring faculty and staff users into the process as the student module is implemented.
- Campaign/Endowment for Academic Excellence implementation: First project is Living Learning Communities.

Some aspects of these issues were blended into initiatives contained in the “Excellence through Engagement” project, funded by the Lilly Endowment.

Projects (and status) include:

- National Merit Scholar Endowment – to enhance the availability of scholarships to National Merit scholars. The Foundation is helping to make it possible to grant some of these scholarships for the next freshman class.
- Increase sabbatical opportunities. 2 proposals supported. This opportunity provided resources for engagement projects, though it is not a requirement that all projects be engagement-related.
- Summer Research Fellowships for junior faculty. 17 applications under consideration for 7 fellowships. FAAC of Faculty Senate helped to shape the application guidelines and is considering applicants now. Application and decision processes probably need to be moved to the fall semester.
- Graduate student travel support. Guidelines have been drafted and this program is almost ready for implementation.

- Regional Leadership initiative – In the planning stage with Dr. Darrel Bigham coordinating. Have met with community leaders and asked for help in shaping the project from this initiative.
- Honors program enhancements, particularly support for student activities and study abroad opportunities. Some preliminary planning has been done.
- Faculty and Department Chair development – One aspect of this effort focuses on engagement and clarifying the definition of scholarship. Workshops for department chairs to provide opportunities for them to explore various aspects of their administrative duties have taken place, and will continue. Additional workshops to help faculty develop scholarship agendas and learn new technologies, as well as other topics, will be planned for the future.

Projects yet to be developed from the Excellence through Engagement/Lilly grant:

- CTLE Director – We need to talk about the potential for this position to help all academic units.
- Enhancement of recognition for faculty excellence. This is also a key interest of the Foundation.
- Task Force on Enrollment and Retention Management – Task Force has been organized, but first meeting will not occur until end of February. Two calendar year charge will result in recommendations by end of 2006 calendar year.

#### **4. Minutes**

Minutes from January 21, 2005 (Session #6) were approved pending corrections. (Doss/Priest).

#### **5) New Business**

##### **a) The Economics Benefits Committee Report:**

The report was accepted. Todd Schroerer presented the findings of the faculty salary analysis for 2003-2004. A lengthy discussion ensued. Clarification was sought concerning a number of the parameters used in the report. M. Krahling will gather information to shed light on the EBC report results so the Senate can make recommendations in preparation for its budget hearing presentation

##### **b) Budget Hearing Planning:**

The following items were discussed:

- i) Counseling Center/Testing Center discussion: Questions were asked about the need for testing space vs. space for more staff. As well, the counseling center has indicated that faculty will need to take more responsibility in dealing with student testing issues. A discussion ensued. Dr. Bennett will follow up with some of these issues at the next meeting.
- ii) Salary increases
- iii) Addressing compression issues
- iv) New tenure-track faculty positions

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6. The meeting adjourned at 5:05pm. (Nunn/Doss)

Respectfully submitted by Kevin Valadares, Senate Secretary