

University of Southern Indiana  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
Session: 13  
Room: UC 206  
Date: May 2, 2007

**Members Present:** C. Baker (Chair), B. Boostrom, P. Cashel-Cordo, M. Hamington, R. Hoebeke, B. Hooper, B. Long, J. Kempf deJong, M. Shaw, B. Wilding, P. von Loewenfeldt (for M. Dixon).

**Guests Present:** T. Bordelon, E. Jones (for L. Bennett), B. Posler

1. **Call to order at 8:05 A.M.**
2. **Announcements:** Remind colleagues to sign up to attend graduation.
3. **Request to Amend the Agenda:** C. Baker asked to add the Faculty Recruitment report to the agenda. Everyone agreed in favor of amending today's agenda.
4. **Old Business:**
  - A) **Student Affairs Committee Report:** Committee Chair Tom Bordelon here to explain and clarify items in the report at the request of Faculty Senate.
    1. **Feb. 1, 2007 Student Affairs Committee minutes:** clarification of item #4 re: need to be present to receive the President's Medal, therefore the "applicants must have applied for spring graduation". December graduates are eligible to receive the President's Medal but the student must show up at the spring graduation ceremony to receive it. The committee did not decide whether the student would walk through spring graduation to receive the award as they did not perceive that to be in their purview. J. Kempf deJong asked if the statement could be re-worded so that students graduating in December won't think they are ineligible. C. Baker offered the following wording: "Applicants must have applied for either spring or fall graduation, however, they must be present at spring graduation to receive the President's Medal".
    2. **Student interviews:** C. Baker asked T. Bordelon about a student who was an applicant for the President's Medal but who could not be present for the interviews on the assigned date. The Student Affairs Committee decided "no" if she was a finalist and could not appear at the stated time. It turned out that the student was not selected to be a finalist anyway.
    3. **Responses to Charges in Student Affairs Committee Final Report:** B. Long asked for clarification on charge #2 re: the Honor Code. T. Bordelon responded he wants to make that a recommendation for next year. C. Baker raised, based upon her research on this topic, should this not be taken on by Student Affairs and the Dean of Students? P. Cashel-Cordo stated that it would be important to have the process that unfolded and a summary of that process in the committee's report re: charge #2 and charge #1. T. Bordelon

noted that as for charge #1, they were not able to obtain data on GPAs at that time from Banner. Charge #1 needs to be put back on the agenda for next year. B. Posler thought the data could be brought forth soon. P. von Loewenfeldt asked to clarify the language in charge #1 to reflect the University Bulletin. B. Wilding asked that the committee's report be more complete and have details that reflected upon charges #1 and #2. Charge #3: M. Shaw stated the charge to the Student Affairs Committee from Faculty Senate was to "evaluate the admissions standards". B. Wilding stated to re-charge next year's Student Affairs Committee to do this, with P. von Loewenfeldt adding "and to give an opinion" on their evaluation. M. Hamington asked how the Student Affairs Committee should proceed with their evaluation. C. Baker offered that one way to begin to evaluate would be to provide data on ACT/SAT scores of students over a 5-year period, and also look at the numbers of students admitted on a probationary status. Since this overlaps with student retention, have the Student Affairs Committee receive a copy of the Retention report. **Decision:** Re-table the Student Affairs Committee Report pending further development of items #1 and #2; take the other items in the report as re-charges and the Student Affairs Committee is to continue to work on these charges.

4. **President's Medal:** B. Boostrom asked about the selection process and will it make it unlikely a December graduate would apply? P. Cashel-Cordo recommends Student Affairs committee be charged next year to review this in greater detail and come up with some solutions. **Decision:** Charge the Student Affairs Committee with evaluating the impact of winter graduation and awarding the President's Medal and present a solution by the end of October 2007. Collaborate with the office of Advancement.

**B) Faculty Senate Calendar:** Reviewed handout provided by C. Baker, which delineated monthly Faculty Senate meetings for August 2007 through May 2008. Discussion occurred re: submit all committee charges to the Senate in September; committee reports would be due in March and a reminder in March for colleges to start their elections. Ideas were brought forth re: submit charges by February or March and Senate prioritize and charge the committees by mid-April. C. Baker still asks for a fall opportunity for charges. She will try to finalize the calendar over the summer and will build in dates for the Faculty Awards and Student Awards on the calendar.

**C) Faculty Recruitment and Search Report:** Members presenting the report were B. Long, J. Kempf deJong, M. Shaw, and B. Wilding. The first part of the report is a paper document; the last part is on Banner. Discussion occurred re: how to codify this so it is done on an ongoing basis and collecting the data prospectively. **Motion:** Recommend that the group continue working together on this issue as an ad hoc committee and act with the authority of the Faculty Senate; continue this charge for further development for the next academic year (B. Long/B. Hooper). Motion carried unanimously.

## 5. Minutes:

The minutes of the April 20, 2007 Faculty Senate meeting were accepted and approved (B. Boostrom/P. Cashel-Cordo) as submitted. Action on the minutes of April 27, 2007 was tabled until they are completed.

**6. New Business:**

**A) Faculty Awards for Service, Teaching, and Research Committee Final Report:**

The two new awards (Award for Outstanding Teaching by New Faculty; Award for Outstanding Teaching by Adjunct Faculty) were done through the Provost's office. The language was already written to capture these two new awards when the FASTRC committee was formed. **Motion** (P. Cashel-Cordo/B. Hooper) to accept the final report as submitted. The report was accepted unanimously.

**B) Curriculum Committee Final Report:** P. Cashel-Cordo commended the committee for their work. Place on Senate calendar. **Motion** (M. Hamington/B. Boostrom) to accept the final report as submitted. The report was accepted unanimously.

**C) Assessment Committee Final Report:** Table for a vote online after Senate has had an opportunity to review the report.

**7. Senate Elections:**

**At-Large & Alternate Senate Seat:** Voting should have taken place and we will know the results on Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**College Elections Report:** Some colleges are still in the process of elections.

**Faculty Senate Chair:** If voting by ballot, we will need the names of those who are eligible and need nominations. **Motion** to nominate C. Baker (M. Hamington/R. Hoebeke). Senators will receive a full list of who will be on the Senate next year. A ballot will come out after those who are eligible have had a chance to be nominated. A ballot will be sent out electronically. C. Baker will work on it over the summer.

**8. Other:**

**Ad-Hoc Committee on Faculty Compensation:** P. Cashel-Cordo wishes to continue working on this with M. Kearns, K. Scheller, J. Thomas, R. Hobbs, and ex-officio members L. Bennett and C. Brinker. **Motion:** this committee will continue to work on their charge in the next academic year (B. Long/M. Shaw). Motion passed unanimously.

**The meeting adjourned 9:40 AM. This was the final Faculty Senate meeting for the 2006-2007 academic year.**

*Respectfully submitted by Roberta Hoebeke, Senate Secretary*