

FACULTY SENATE

Meeting #11 Agenda

April 11, 2001

7:45 A.M.

University Center, *Room UC206*

Announcements

Report from President Hoops

Report from Vice President Reid

Approval of minutes from meeting #10

Old Business

New Business

- Program Chairs, Selection and Term
- Student Affairs Report
 - (I'm still waiting on this, but leaving it on the agenda. I'll email it to all senators when I get it)

Adjournment

University of Southern Indiana
Faculty Senate Minutes
Session: #11
Room: University Center, Room 206
Date: April 11, 2001

Approved

Members Present: M. Aakhus, C. Baker, H. Edwards, P. Frazer, M. Krahling, R.L. Reid (ex-officio), T. Pickett, W. Rinks, P. Shields, A. White, S. Sullivan, B. Wilding

1. Call to Order: 7:45 am
2. Announcements
Mark Krahling, Faculty Senate Chair, made the following announcements.
 - a) The Indiana Commission on Higher Education is holding the Faculty Leadership Meeting in Indianapolis on April 25. M. Krahling and C. Baker will attend. P Shields may attend depending on course commitments for that day.
 - b) The Committee for the University Center (UC) Expansion has met and continues to request input on expansion ideas. Currently 20 ideas have been submitted to the committee including creating a food court, expanding the bookstore, and increasing the number of meeting rooms. Two additional comments from Senate members included consideration of an art gallery and insuring that any expansion of the UC is handicap accessible and meets ADA standards.
 - c) The Academic Planning Council has approved a minor in Military Science through an ROTC program.
 - d) Student Affairs Committee should be given a charge for next year to investigate the Fresh Start program in regards to academic honors. For student with transfer credit.
 - e) The Spring Faculty meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 19 at 3 pm in Carter Hall. Nominations for At-Large Faculty Senate representative and alternate will be taken. Three retirees (L. Goss, J. Marr, and J. Brown) will also be honored.
3. Report from Dr. Hoops – no report
4. Report from Dr. Reid.
 - a) The Commission on Higher Education has the new Bachelor in Engineering degree on the April 13 agenda. Dr. Reid anticipated the discussion will be tabled until a later date.
 - b) Academic Planning Council gave initial authorization for 3 minors including Military Science, Criminal Justice, and Anthropology. Final approval was given for the minor in Health Promotion and Wellness and the Bachelor of Science in Special Education.
 - c) Honors for Graduation – the policy states that all previous courses grades are calculated in determining the graduation GPA. Therefore, someone who does well at USI but transfers courses with lower grades may not meet the GPA for honors. This would include the students who are in the Fresh Start program.

5. Minutes from meeting #10: Approved (Rinks, Edwards)

6. Old Business

- a) Motion to discuss tabled motion (Evaluation of Candidates for Faculty Positions) from the last Senate's meeting was approved (Pickett, Wilding).
- b) Evaluation of Candidates for Faculty Positions motion now reads:
The Senate support the adoption by the University of the following uniform policy concerning faculty hiring:
 - 1) all faculty search committees are permitted and expected to make formal recommendations or ranking to its dean concerning whom the university should hire for the faculty position being filled;
 - 2) no faculty search committee shall function as a merely advisory screening committee.
- c) Motion to remove the second statement from the Evaluation of Candidates for Faculty Positions motion was approved (White, Sullivan).
Motion now reads:
The Senate support the adoption by the University of the following uniform policy concerning faculty hiring:
 - 1) all faculty search committees are permitted and expected to make formal recommendations or ranking to its dean concerning whom the university should hire for the faculty position being filled.
- d) Motion to amend the Evaluation of Candidates for Faculty Positions motion was approved (Sullivan, Aakhus). Motion now reads
The Senate support the adoption by the University of the following uniform policy concerning faculty hiring:
 - 1) all faculty search committees are permitted and expected to make formal recommendation of specific candidates to its dean concerning whom the university should hire for the faculty position being filled.
- e) Motion to table the current Evaluation of Candidates for Faculty Positions motion was defeated (Shields, Pickett).
- f) Motion to approve the following Evaluation of Candidates for Faculty Positions statement to be included in the Faculty Handbook was approved (Wilding, Rinks). Faculty Handbook, page 48 under section Selection and Appointment Procedures Step #3 will now read as:
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.

7. New Business

- a) Program Chairs, Selection and Term – Motion to include the following statement in the Faculty Handbook was made (Rinks, Sullivan).
The chair or head of a department should be selected either by department election or by appointment following consultation with members of the department; appointments should be for a stated term

but without prejudice to reelection or reappointment by procedures which involve appropriate faculty consultation.

- b) Motion to table motion on program chair selection and reappointment was approved (Rinks, Sullivan). W. Rinks and A. White will further investigate how this statement would be integrated into the current policy statement found on page 26 of the Faculty Handbook.
- c) Motion to accept the Student Affairs Committee report was approved (Rinks, Shields).
- d) Faculty Senate, Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee, and the Student Affairs Committee have identified the need to survey the faculty on topics related to the academic calendar, faculty satisfaction, and the use of plus and minus grades. Faculty Senate discussed how all of this survey information should be collected and maintain validity. The senate felt that there should be three separate surveys developed. P. Harrel will also be contacted to insure Graduate Studies concerns are also addressed. Senate will continue to discuss implementation of collecting survey data from faculty.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am. (Sullivan, Edwards)

Respectfully submitted,

Ann White, Secretary