

**Faculty Senate
September Meeting Agenda**

Friday, January 21, 2005

3:00 P. M.

HP 2027

Announcements

Budget Report from President Hoops

Report from Dr. Linda Bennett, Provost

Minutes

December 10th, 2004 (check web site)

Old Business

Student Evaluation of Teaching

New Business

Faculty & Academic Affairs Report

Budget Hearing Planning

Adjournment

University of Southern Indiana
Faculty Senate Minutes
Session # 6
Room: HP2027
Date: January 21, 2005

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

Members Absent: M. Graham, I. Phillips

Guests: Sharlett Gillard

1. Call to order at 3:00pm.

2. Announcements from the Chair:

- a) Mark Rozewski has been named Vice President for Business Affairs effective spring 2005. Currently, he is the associate provost for Finance and Administration at Rutgers University, Camden, NJ.
- b) Nominations are being sought for the 2005 H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award. All nominations can be sent to Prof. John Gottcent.
- c) 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 14th @ 300 pm. in Carter Hall.
- d) The Faculty Senate budget hearing presentation is scheduled for Monday February 21st @ 855am in UC201-202.
- e) Thanks to all for participating in the Spring Faculty meeting. A summary of responses and input gathered at the individual sessions will be posted on the Senate web site.

3. Report from the President, Dr. H. Ray Hoops

Dr. Hoops shared his insights with the Senate regarding the current Legislative climate. He is scheduled to meet with Governor Daniels next week and offered to meet with the Senate after this meeting.

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

- a) The following actions were approved at the January 13, 2005 Board of Trustees meeting:
 - Changing the names of the five academic schools to colleges. The change will be official at the beginning of the new fiscal year, July 1, 2005.
 - Offering the MSW program via distance education at Indiana State University in Terre Haute.
 - Planning for the construction of the McCutchan Teaching Art Gallery.

b) The President has appointed a Task Force on Enrollment and Retention Management. A copy of the membership was distributed. The Task Force is charged with gathering data and other information relevant to the recruitment and retention of USI students. They will: (1) inventory and review the range of programs that are already in place, (2) determine what future data needs exist, (3) assess how well the current efforts are working; and (4) make recommendations for action and improvement. Another part of the work of the Task Force will include participation in a special AASCU project on graduation rates. The time span for the Task Force's work is two calendar years with recommendations being forwarded to the President during the fall 2006 semester.

5. Minutes

Minutes from December 10, 2004 (Session #5) were approved pending corrections. (Bandoli/Doss).

6. Old Business

Student Evaluation of Teaching: Discussion was postponed.

7) New Business

a) The Faculty and Academic Affairs (FAAC) Report:

The report was accepted. Sharlett Gillard summarized the results of the survey - Measuring faculty satisfaction with the selection process of Deans/Associate Deans/Chairs/Program Directors - (which was a Senate charge to FAAC last year). The FAAC has two responses to the charge:

- It was not clear what the objectives were for the survey that was administered last year. What were the perceived problems to be addressed? FAAC spent considerable time during the fall semester discussing the selection process of department chairs, only to conclude that the process outlined in the Handbook appears to be working well in most programs.
- The survey design problems resulted in data that are inconclusive, at best. There is no evident groundswell of discontent to provide a focus for clear policy recommendations. There were some pockets of concern, and efforts within those schools where concerns exist might resolve some of those concerns. The true nature of those concerns was impossible to discern from analysis of the survey data and thus any policy recommendation would be based on inadequate information.

A discussion ensued. The general consensus was that the faculty handbook is more clear with the directions for selecting Deans, Department Chairs, and Program Directors and substantially lacking in clarity in the selection process for Associate & Assistant Deans.

b) Selection of a faculty member on the Nominating committee for a faculty position to serve as a member of the Commission for Higher Education. After several faculty were nominated, Prof. Joy Peluchette from the School of Business was selected.

c) Senate Budget Hearing planning. Discussion will be postponed until the February 4th meeting. Previous Senate budget requests will be sent out to all Senators in preparation for this meeting.

d) General Information: The motor pool now owns a van accessible to disabled students.

8. The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm. (Nunn/Doss)

Respectfully submitted by Kevin Valadares, Senate Secretary