FACULTY SENATE

AGENDA

Friday, February 28, 2003

3:00 P.M.

UC 205

Announcements and Introductions

Report from Dr. Hoops

Report from Provost and Vice President Robert L. Reid

Report from Faculty Representatives (New Program – B. A. in International Studies)

Report from Dr. Charles Price and Dr. Sherry Boyd (New program – B. A. in Early Childhood Education)

Report from Gary May, Chair Diversity Council (Senate Diversity Ad Hoc Committee)

Approval of minutes from meeting #7 (February 14, 2003)

Old Business

Senate Budget Priorities for Budget Hearings

New Business

Adjournment

University of Southern Indiana
Faculty Senate Minutes
Session # 8
Room: UC 206
Date: 2/28/03

Approved

Members Present: S. Blunt, J. Davis-Brezette, A. Foroughi, S. Hall (for M. Graham),
R. Hartl, R. Jeffers, G. May, R. Reid, (Ex-Officio), K. Rodgers, M. Sparks, S. Sullivan,
C. Tripp

Guests: P. Aakhus, S. Boyd, I. Crawford, M. Dixon, M. Jones, C. MacKay, C. Price,
E. Ramos, P. Taylor, K. Wilkerson

1. Call to Order at 3:00

2. No Report from Dr. Hoops

3. Report from Vice President Robert Reid
a) Diversity Week is now (February 28) through March 7, 2003. Please be alert to
the various opportunities and campus events.
b) The Berger lecturer will raise a whole series of issues about art, literature,
diversity, and the KKK in Indiana.
c) The Bachelor of Arts in International Studies - Dr. Reid thanked the faculty and
administrators who participated in the development of the International Studies
major as an interdisciplinary program designated to prepare students for
participation in a multicultural world.

4. Report from Faculty Representatives of the B.A. in International Studies

Dr. Marjorie Jones: The proposed 39-hour interdisciplinary major in International
Studies leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree. Students majoring in International
Studies are required to take a common core of six courses (Cultural Anthropology,
Global Economic Issues, International Politics, World Geography, World
Civilizations I and World Civilizations II) in five disciplines (Anthropology,
Economics, Geography, Political Science, and History) drawn from three schools--
Liberal Arts, Business and Science and Engineering—for a total of 18 hours.
Students must choose between three tracks for the remaining 21 hours.

A student can elect to continue the global approach by completing 21 hours in the
International Studies track or a student may elect to complete the major in one of
two areas—the European or the Latin American track. Within each track, students
can take only two courses in any one discipline to ensure that the major continues to
be interdisciplinary. Students will, of course, be required to take two years of a
foreign language or pass an equivalency foreign language test at the fourth semester

level. Students will be encouraged to study abroad but that will not be required. The expectation is that the major will attract many students to double major in International Studies.

The proposal also includes a 30-hour minor in International Studies with a 9-hour core (Global Economic Issues, World Civilization II, and International Politics) and 12-hours (four semesters) of a foreign language. The remaining nine required hours will be 300-400 level courses from any of the three International Studies tracks.

K. Rodgers provided corrections to the Math requirement description.

Approved (Foroughi/Sparks)

5. Report from Dr. Charles Price and Dr. Sherry Boyd on a new program, B.A. /B.S. in Early Childhood Development

Dr. Price reported: The program prepares majors for teaching and supervisory positions in early childhood settings. Already the state of Indiana is requiring such education for teachers in such diverse areas as day care, Head Start agencies, and public and private schools. The Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services worked with professionals throughout the southwestern region of Indiana to develop the curriculum. Two existing faculty are already qualified to teach in the program and another teacher position will be recruited.

Dr. Boyd provided the rationale for the Early Childhood Development program and responded to several questions about program specifics.

Approved (Hartl/Tripp)

6. Report from G. May, Chair of the Diversity Council and the Senate Diversity Ad Hoc Committee

G. May made a motion that the Faculty Senate acknowledge receiving the November 1, 2002 Diversity Council Report. Approved (Rodgers/Sullivan)

There was a lengthy discussion and request for clarification about the purpose and mission of the Diversity Council. Faculty Senate members asked questions and made suggestions about the report presented by Diversity Council. A motion was made requesting that the Diversity Council continue its dialogue with President Hoops and the Faculty Senate emphasizing a more inclusive tone in its reports and dialogue with others. Approved (Rodgers/Jeffers)

Gary May, Diversity Council Chair noted that three action items on diversity would be posted on Blackboard for Senators to view.

7. Minutes from meeting #7 were approved pending minor corrections. Approved (Rodgers/Foroughi)

8. Old Business

Creation of a Campus Police Force - Senators were provided with an e-mail from R. Ruble to C. Baker regarding police presence on campus. USI has identified an alternative plan. Rather than creating a USI police force the University will provide an office for use by Vanderburgh County Sheriff's deputies. The office will be located in the on campus student apartment area. Deputies will use the space as an extension office.

Senate Budget - No requests for Senate budget priorities for Budget Hearings were brought forward. Needs still exist but should be put on back burner until budget conditions allow. Approved (Sullivan/Hartl).

The question of taping the Berger lecture Thursday evening was raised. Dr. Reid agreed to have his office fund the taping of the Berger lecture and Harris' Friday morning session if the speaker approved the taping.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 4:42.

Respectfully Submitted by Robert Jeffers, Senate Secretary