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Faculty Senate
Friday, January 20, 2006
7:30-9:00 A. M.
206 UC
Coffee and donuts

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Announcements

Report from Dr. Linda Bennett, Provost

Minutes
  December 2, 2005 (attached)

Old Business
  Review of Spring Meeting and Workshops

  Academic Honesty - Where to from here?

New Business
  Budget Presentation - Priorities

  Schedule Spring Meetings

  Interim Report from FASTR Committee (attached)

  Inactive Class Drop Policy Directive – University Curriculum Committee (attached)

Adjournment

University of Southern Indiana
Faculty Senate Minutes
Session: 8
Room: UC 206
Date: January 20, 2006

Members Present: B. Boostrom**,** P. Cashel-Cordo**,** M. Dixon, P. Doss, R. Hoebeke, B. Hooper, L. Howard, M. Krahling, L. Nunn, I. Phillips, , M. Shaw, B. Wilding, L. Bennett, ex-officio

Members Absent:

Guests: P. von Loewenfeldt

1. **Call to order at 7:30 a.m.**

2. **Announcements from the Chair:**
    A) Board of Trustees meeting in Indianapolis focused on issues of long range planning
    B) Connect with Indiana
        1. A leadership development program funded through the Lilly endowment
        2. Nine sessions over eight months ranging from ½ a day to a full day
        3. Serving eight counties and USI faculty and staff
        4. Currently 24 participants
        5. Designed to enhance critical thinking for effectiveness in leadership roles
        6. Faculty participation in the program is a viable and recognizable part of their portfolio
        7. Participants will have a written product
        8. Participants receive a stipend during the summer

3. **Report from the Provost and V.P. of Academic Affairs, Dr. Linda Bennett**
    A) Academic Planning Council
        1. No new programs at this time
        2. There is interest in additional graduate and undergraduate programs in the future

4. **Minutes**
    December 2, 2005 minutes approved pending corrections (Doss/Hoebeke) (1 abstention). Amendments were inserted to the minutes to adequately reflect the discussion concerning the oversight of Internet based courses (Boostrom/Shaw) (1 abstention)

5. **Old Business**
    A) Spring Meeting
        1. The SET presentation is on the Faculty Senate webpage
        2. Feedback from attending faculty has been positive

3. A very special thank you to the presenters
4. Presenters' PowerPoint presentations are also accessible from the webpage
5. Dr. Bennet will send a thank you to the presenters

B) Student Evaluation of Teaching
1. A vendor (ScanTron) has been identified which has the attributes faculty are seeking for evaluation of teaching
2. ScanTron is scheduled to visit the University on Tuesday, February 28th at 10:00 a.m.
3. Arrangements for ScanTron to present to the SET committee and faculty will be made
4. The SET committee will meet again on January 30th at 10:00
5. The SET committee will receive the charge to develop a series of questions for the evaluation instrument which reflects the faculty survey regarding students' ability to evaluate teaching

C) Academic Honesty
1. Dr. Bennett has been checking on software packages
2. She has contacted other universities to explore software being used by faculty
3. "Turn It In" is a software package used at Indiana State
4. Faculty report that it is useful; however, caution not to rely upon it solely
5. L. Howard expressed the need for USI to make an institutional commitment to a software which can interface with Black Board
6. Dr. Bennett reported that the Library has agreed to provide training on the chosen software package
7. Senators were asked to discuss software issues with their constituents
8. M. Krahling raised the issues of examining academic honesty policies which were instated several years ago and prior to Internet based courses
9. Motion was made to charge the Student Affairs committee with evaluating current USI policies regarding academic honesty and to make appropriate recommendations, including the adoption of an Honor Code, and to report to the Senate by December 2006 (Krahling/Nunn)

6. **New Business**
D) Budget Priorities
1. Budget meetings will run January 30th through February 27th
2. The three preferred dates for the Faculty Senate requested are 2/27, 2/20, or 2/17
3. Priorities from last year:
    a. Increase in faculty compensations
    b. Continued effort in converting part-time faculty positions to full-time
    c. Add staff and resources for students with special needs
    d. Budget increase for Library collections
4. The library received an endowment for $50,000-$60,000 a year to increase holdings

5. There is administrative support and interest in creating a position for an ADA director. This position must be clearly defined and responsibilities outlined.
6. Priorities under consideration for the next meeting
   a. Increase faculty compensation
   b. Converting part-time faculty position to full-time
   c. Establishing a budget line for Faculty Senate for copies, supplies, webpage management, student worker, etc.
7. Dr. Bennett reported that although there may be something of an increase in the budget, the rising costs of the operating budget, such as utilities may offset any increase
8. She suggested stating practical, reasonable priorities and create ongoing pressure

E) Schedule spring faculty senate meetings
1. The first Friday of the month
2. 7:30 a.m.
3. Additional meetings as necessary

7. The meeting adjourned 9:00 a.m. (Doss/Hooper) Next meeting February 3, 7:30 in UC214, the remaining agenda items will be discussed at that meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Iris Phillips, Senate Secretary