

**Faculty Senate  
Meeting Agenda  
March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
3:00 P. M., HP 2027**

**Announcements**

**Report from Dr. Linda Bennett, Provost**

**Minutes**

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005

**Old Business**

Testing Center Issues

Leslie Smith

Darlene Fisher

**New Business**

Petition for B.S. in Manufacturing Technology: will be on the agenda of our March 18 meeting.

Jerry Cain and Eric Sprouls

Faculty Membership on University Committees (may be postponed to next meeting)

**Adjournment**

University of Southern Indiana  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
Session # 9  
Room: HP2027  
Date: March 15, 2005

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

M. McCullough, Sr. Administrative Associate for Academic Affairs

Members Absent: H. Ray Hoops, ex-officio, M. Graham, I. Phillips

Guests: Darlene Fisher, Jerry Cain.

**1. Call to order at 3:05pm.**

**2. Announcements from the Chair:**

- a) A retirement reception will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> for the following faculty: Carol Hermes, Charlene Tripp, Steven Cox, and Robert Hartl.
- b) The Student Evaluation of Teaching (SET) committee has been continuously meeting. Data gathered from commercial vendors is being analyzed. A Senator expressed concern about the timeliness and involvement of faculty in the SET process. Can the SET involve faculty in a more appropriate manner? Could there be a summary of the committee's work presented along with an opportunity for discussion, perhaps at the Spring Faculty meeting?
- c) There is an announcement on the Senate web site concerning nominations being sought for the open faculty position needed to serve on the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. The deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>. See Joy Peluchette for details.
- d) The 2005 meeting of Faculty leaders from Universities in Indiana will be held on Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> @ IUPUI. M. Krahling is seeking senators to attend.
- e) Senate Budget Presentation. The new VP of Business Affairs (Mark Rozewski) will be invited to attend the next Senate meeting.

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

- a) On Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a celebration of the University's partnership with the New Harmony community. It will highlight faculty work specific to engaging various aspect of the community.
- b) The current legislative session is of special interest to higher education. There were a number of new items proposed as legislation that eventually were voted down, among them, a 4-year cap on tuition fees. There also exists a pressing issue concerning course transferability among institutions.
- c) The Academic Affairs budget hearing will be held on March 28<sup>th</sup>.



**4. Minutes**

a) Minutes from Feb 15, 2005 (Session #8) were approved pending corrections. (Nunn/Doss).

**5) Old Business**

a) Testing Center Issues: The issue concerning faculty responsibility of finding suitable testing locations was discussed. Darlene Fisher from Human Resources spoke to the issue: Traditionally, the number of students with disabilities needing special testing circumstances has been low. As the numbers increased on campus, the counseling center's resources became limited. We are all responsible for making certain that ADA compliance is met. A discussion ensued: Comments from a Senator: There needs to be clear delineated direction for faculty (perhaps in the handbook). Simply stating that "we" are all responsible is misleading. The University should be responsible for finding suitable space/accommodations and the faculty should be responsible for allowing for those accommodations. Dr. Bennett is meeting with Student Affairs to discuss ways to create space.

b) Definition of "Faculty" On Appointed Committees: The discussion centers around those committee positions (for faculty) that are appointed rather than elected. There exists a concern about the designation of those that have faculty rank that have virtually no teaching responsibilities. A discussion ensued: Should the definition of "faculty" be changed to account for those that teach 6 contact hours/semester? A follow-up discussion will be held at the next Senate meeting.

**6) New Business**

a) Petition for the B.S. in Manufacturing Technology program: Introduction by Jerry Cain. The program will be accredited by NAIT (National Association of Industrial Technology). A discussion ensued:

- Under program description 3.d, new courses will take the place of the old manufacturing technology courses.
- Initial enrollment is predicted at 10 freshmen per year with a potential maximum of 90 students. These numbers are conservative. A concern exists in regards to the amount of financial resources needed to operate the program.
- A concern was expressed regarding the recommendations of the program to wait until the senior year to take the majority of UCC courses.

**Motion: To approve the implementation of a B.S. in Manufacturing Technology program.** Unanimous approval.

7. The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm. (Howard/Doss)

Respectfully submitted by Kevin Valadares/Lesa Cagle, Senate Secretary