

FACULTY SENATE

MEETING #12

To: All Faculty
From: Marlene Shaw
Date: 26 March 1993

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Subject: Faculty Senate Meeting #12

Friday, 2 April 1993

Room UC308

3:00-4:30pm

AGENDA

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1. Approval of minutes from meeting #11
2. Report from Dr. Rice
3. Report from Dr. Reid
4. Economic Benefits Committee Report -
Guillermo Latorre
5. General Education Program Proposal:
Discussion and Vote -
John Gottcent and David Cousert
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Announcements
9. Adjournment

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ANNUAL SPRING FACULTY MEETING
Monday, 19 April 1993
3:00pm
Room OC 2018

Agenda includes nominations for at-large Faculty Senate member.

Approved**University of Southern Indiana
Faculty Senate Minutes
Session 12
April 2, 1993, UC308**

Members Present: Shaw, Chairperson; Aakhus, Barber (Alt), Boyd, Ford, Hankins, Hartl, Hemaida, Kinsey, Koob, Divine (Alt), Waters, Drs. Rice and Reid (Ex Officio)

Guests Present: Dr. Coudret, D. Cousert, L. Evinger, J. Gottcent, S. Hall, N. King, R. Mussard, M. Jones, A. Luebben, S. Melander, M. O'Grady, L. Roberts, J. St. Clair, M.A. Wehmer, A. White

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Dr. Shaw.
2. Minutes of Senate Meeting #11 were approved as amended.

3. Report from Dr. Rice:

- a. Dick Schmidt is the new Vice President for Business Affairs.
- b. The Legislature's final decision on the budget is expected in mid-April. USI received a good response from the Senate.

4. Report from Economic Benefits Committee:

The report was deferred until our next meeting when it will be incorporated into the committee's annual report.

5. General Education Program Proposal:

a. John Gottcent thanked the Senate for their time and efforts regarding the General Education Program Proposal. He briefly reviewed the work of the General Education Committee. David Cousert reminded Senate members and guests present of the work that has gone into the proposal.

b. Pam Ford expressed concern regarding the accuracy of the staffing projections. She said science courses are already difficult for health professions' students to obtain and that these associate degree students are not revealed in the staffing projection data.

c. John Gottcent addressed the process for adding courses to the GE list during the next 2 years with the suggestion of focusing one semester on each category. For example, Category A, Fall '93; Category B, Spring '94; Category C, Fall '94; and, Category D, Spring '95. Proposed courses will be reviewed by the Gen. Ed. Cte, then by the Curricular Cte, and then will go to Faculty Senate. Proposals for a new course in a particular category can come from any department; for example, the course "Evil in Literature" might be presented for consideration for the ethics component.

d. Questions concerning math proficiency exam arose. Would it entail a cost to the student? Several exams are available, but none have been selected at this time. Taking the proficiency exam would place a burden on the student to perform. What would the pass cut-off score be, who would administer and grade the exam? Concerns were expressed regarding opening Category A to the entire university again and adding alternative courses to the math. John Gottcent reiterated the document's wording that only classes taught by the math department could meet the math requirement.

Dr. Kinsey sees the proficiency exam as an administrative headache and developing a new course as problematic.

e. Goals of the Gen. Ed. Proposal are not discipline-specific. The question was raised regarding the make-up of the committee. It was originally created by Faculty Senate. The Committee now consists of all members from both the Gen. Ed. and Advisory Committees. Pam Koob suggested that equal representation from each school would be more fair. David Cousert observed that the Curriculum Committee will consider each proposed course and has one representative per school.

f. Students will be able to count 6 hours of their major toward Gen. Ed. credit.

g. Concerns were expressed regarding remediation efforts already in place and the impact of the Gen. Ed. requirements upon our open admission policy. Will more remediation be needed? Will we eventually decrease our standards to pass more students?

h. The issue of transfer students was brought up. Who will decide transfer of courses for Gen. Ed. credit? Currently, this falls to deans and chairpersons. If questions arise, they go to the Gen.

Ed. Coordinator. John Gottcent stated that we expect transfer students to have courses similar to ours since higher education is moving toward what we are doing here. He expects the process for granting credit to remain basically the same.

- i. Concerns were expressed regarding the money for additional FTEs to implement the Gen. Ed. Program. Dr. Reid stated that USI is expecting additional funds from enrollment increases to ease implementing the proposal by 1995. He believes financial support will be there for this proposal.
- j. Concern was raised on the impact of taking more than 124 hours for graduation.

MOTION: Dr. Barber proposed that the General Education Program Proposal be accepted; it was seconded by Dr. Hartl. Additional questions and comments were made:

- k. The Synthesis Category will include additional courses from several disciplines when such courses are proposed through appropriate channels.
- l. The School of Nursing and Health Professions consider the document incomplete.
- m. David Cousert reviewed Curricular Committee/General Education Committee open meetings, at which many views, opinions, and input were sought from the faculty. He stated his belief that this is an ongoing process with opportunity for appropriate changes and implementation.

CALL FOR THE QUESTION: Dr. Boyd called the question. The vote was 8 to 4 in favor of the proposal. Proposal passed.

- 6. **Old Business:**
 - a. Pam Koob distributed information regarding the report to the Board from the Post Retirement Benefits Committee which she received from Cindy Brinker.
- 7. **New Business:**
 - a. Dr. Kinsey reported on the Indiana Commission for Higher Education faculty nominating committee that he attended for Dr. Shaw. The Nominating Committee meets April 23 to consider faculty nominations from ISU to serve as a 1993-1994 member of the ICHE. Over a 7 year period, each state university gets a turn for providing the faculty representative. No institution can have both faculty and student representatives at the same time. **USI will provide the ICHE faculty member for 1994-95. Interested faculty are advised to plan ahead regarding their teaching schedules for 1994-95.** This position requires a time commitment of 2 days a month, approximately 25 days a year and a significant amount of preparation time. The faculty representative must represent all faculty in the state, not just their own university. USI Faculty should be thinking about applying for this position. Ten to eighteen faculty may apply. The Nominating Committee submits 3-5 names to the Governor's Office to be interviewed and selected.
- 8. **Announcements:**
 - a. The Presidential Search and Screen Committee had its first meeting and the process is officially underway. Information regarding the search may come only from Bruce Baker, Chairman of the Committee.
 - b. Jay Fredrich will receive the Distinguished Professor Award at Commencement.
 - c. The President's Breakfast is April 6 at 7:30 a.m.
 - d. The Annual Spring Faculty meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on April 19 in OC2018.
- 9. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pam B. Koob, Secretary