

**Faculty Senate**  
**September Meeting Agenda**  
Friday, November 12, 2004  
3:00 P.M.  
HP 2027

***Announcements***

***Report from Academic Affairs***

***Minutes***

15 October 2004

***Old Business***

***Student Evaluation of Teaching***

***New Business***

***Charges for Student Affairs***

Look into scholarship/aid opportunities for transfer students

***Charges for Economic Benefits***

Look into long term care options for faculty

***FAAC Report #1***

See attached report A

***Student Affairs Report #1***

See attached report B

***Name Change: Schools to Colleges***

***Student Retention & Student Preparedness***

See attachment C

***Adjournment***

University of Southern Indiana  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
Session # 4  
Room: HP2027  
Date: November 12, 2004

Members Present: J. Bandoli, P. Cashel-Cordo, J. Davis-Brezette, P. Doss, M. Graham, R. Hoebeke, E. Jones (in lieu of L. Bennett), J. Kempf (in lieu of 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, L. Bennett, ex-officio, I. Phillips, L. Howard

Guests: Charley Harrington, Michael Dixon, Sharlett Gillard

**1. Call to order at 3:00pm.**

**2. Announcements from the Chair:**

- a) Rohn Butterfield from the School of NHP is now the representative on the Economics Benefits committee. He is taking the place of Barbara Davis.
- b) The University Technology Advisory committee (chaired by John Deem) is completing their report on the software, hardware, and infrastructure needs of the University over the course of the next 5 years.
- c) A reminder to all faculty that an extra paycheck will be issued at the end of December in order to facilitate the Banner payroll process in 2005.
- d) There have been changes to the fleet rental process which will have implications for academic departments.
- d) A discussion ensued regarding FTEs in interdisciplinary programs. This issue will be brought up at the next Senate meeting.

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

a) The Commission for Higher Education will forward its budget recommendations to the State Legislature. Some of the proposed recommendations are:

- No increases for inflation.
- No restoration of base funding lost in previous years.
- Enrollment increase funding will be recommended at 100% for both years of the biennium.
- No recommendations on equity funding to correct the funding gaps between institutions.
- No “quality improvement” funding.
- Recommending a slight increase in plant expansion funding.

- Capital funding: CHE is recommending \$6.6 million for Architecture and Engineering for USI's new building for the School of Business/general classrooms.

A discussion ensued concerning the implications of these recommendations on Academic programs at USI.

#### **4. Minutes**

- a) Minutes from Oct 12, 2004 (Session #3) were approved pending corrections. (Bandoli/Wilding).

#### **5. Old Business**

- a) The Student Evaluation of Faculty Teaching committee:

- The committee's web site is LIVE and available through the Senate web site.
- The committee met yesterday. A list of questions will be generated and used in conjunction with deciding which instrument will be selected. The questions will be identified so that faculty can evaluate them.

#### **6) New Business**

- a) Nominations for student representative of Student Academic Grievance Committee were sought. Three nominees were presented:

- Ivan Dixon (a junior biology major) nominated by Marlene Shaw
- Ken Clark (a junior public relations major) nominated by Matthew Graham
- Mera El Ramahi ( a junior psychology major) nominated by Julie Evey

Ms. El Ramahi was selected as the representative.

- b) Charge for the Student Affairs committee

The SA committee is being charged with looking into the issue of awarding USI scholarships to transfer students. Should transfer students have the same departmental scholarship opportunities? Currently, many scholarship opportunities are used as a recruitment mechanism geared towards incoming freshman. The issue will be investigated further and reported back to the Senate.

- c) Charges for the Economic Benefits committee

The EB is being charged with looking into long term care benefits for faculty. A discussion ensued about what constitutes LTC benefits and how they should be applied to staff. I .Phillips will discuss the possible charge at the next Senate meeting.

- d) Report from the Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee (See attachment "A" in Agenda). Sharlett Gillard provided an overview of changes made in the nomination process for the Distinguished Professor Award and the Berger Faculty Community Service Award. **Motion:** The FAAC report was unanimously accepted with some amendments.

- e) Report from the Student Affairs Committee (See attachment "B" in Agenda): Michael Dixon provided an overview of the charge and the committee's recommendation in

regards to the current “pass/no pass” policy. The SA committee recommends that USI change its current pass/no pass policy and require a letter grade of “C” or higher be mandatory for a student to pass a course taken under the “pass/no pass” option. **Motion:** The Student Affairs report was accepted. (1 abstention, 1 no).

f) The name change: Schools to Colleges

Senators reported that surveys of faculty (concerning this issue) were overall positive. However, a constant question arose: Does this change imply that there will be more levels of infrastructure?

**Motion:** The Faculty Senate supports the name change of Schools to Colleges. The Senate looks forward to having conversations about the implications of this change on curricular and promotion processes and administrative infrastructure changes before these later changes are made.

g) Student Retention and Student Preparedness

- Charley Harrington gave a presentation summarizing Freshman standards of success with a focus on Admission Standards. A discussion ensued. The PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the Senate web site.

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

Respectfully submitted by Kevin Valadares, Senate Secretary