

Faculty Senate
Friday, April 21, 2006
7:30-9:00 A. M.
206 UC
Coffee and donuts

Announcements

Report from Dr. Linda Bennett, Provost

Minutes

April 7, 2006 forthcoming

Old Business

New Business

Committee Reports
Curriculum (attached)
FASTR (attached)
Faculty Affairs (attached)
Promotions (attached)
Student Affairs (attached)
Assessment (attached)

Adjournment

University of Southern Indiana
Faculty Senate Minutes
Session: 12
Room: UC 206
Date: April 21, 2006

Members Present: B. Boostrom, L. Cagle (for P. Doss) , P. Cashel-Cordo, M. Dixon, B. Hooper, L. Howard, E. Johnson (for B. Hoebeke), M. Krahling, I. Phillips, M. Shaw, B. Wilding, L.

Members Absent: Bennett, ex-officio, P. Doss, B. Hoebeke, L. Nunn

1. Call to order at 7:35 A.M.

2. Announcements from the Chair:

- A) The open Faculty Senate meeting will be 4/26 at 2:00 in Mitchell Auditorium
- B) The open elections will be conducted online, nominations will be sent out Wednesday 5/3 and available for the May 5th meeting
- C) The May 5th meeting will be to validate the electronic election results and to elect a senate chair

3. Announcements from Provost Linda Bennett:

None

4. Minutes

The minutes of the April 7th meeting were approved with corrections.
(Boostrom/Hooper)

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

- A) Standing Committee Reports
 1. The Faculty Senate has the option of “receiving” (tabling for a future date) or “accepting” reports from standing committees
- B) Grievance Committee motion made to accept (Boostrom/Dixon) unanimous
- C) Assessment Committee motion to accept (Boostrom/Cagle) abstention Krahling
 1. This committee has historically provided data
 2. There is an expectation of receiving results from assessment day
 3. Recommend asking for a summary of results and a report on how that information was implemented
 4. This issue will be business for the Senate to discuss in the Fall
 5. Perhaps this should be a charge to this standing committee in the future
- D) Promotions motion to accept (Boostrom/Krahling) unanimous
 1. Discussion ensued
 2. Dr. Diamond’s book is available
 3. This book was purchased through Dr. Bennett’s office

4. However, this text does not deal with University policies
5. This information needs to be available in each college not just in the Provost office
- E) Economic Benefit Committee motion to accept (Boostrom/Krahling) unanimous
 1. Discussion ensued regarding the report was well analyzed and written
 2. Recommend that an ad hoc committee be formed to address consistent peer institutions for comparison and to lock-in to a single definition of salaries
- F) Student Affairs Committee motion to accept (Hooper/Dixon) unanimous
 1. Address in the Fall the progress of an Honor Code
 2. The Senate will ask for a report in December
 3. The Senate Chair will contact returning members to convene this committee in a timely manner
- G) Curriculum Committee motion to accept (Krahling/Shaw) unanimous
 1. Excepted pending correction of typo on first page – W. Turner is from Social Work not Liberal Arts
- H) Faculty Affairs Committee motion to accept (Howard/Boostrom) unanimous
 1. Many changes were addressed by this committee during the year
 2. The recommended editing to the Faculty Handbook was submitted in the requested manner
 3. Questions arose in how the process of making changes to the Faculty Handbook were being handled
 4. It is unclear once the changes are submitted to the Provost office what the process is for changes being made
 5. There was a recommendation for the Provost to respond to the Senate with an explanation of the process.
- I) FASTR motion to accept (Boostrom/Dixon) unanimous
 1. Discussion ensued regarding the Distinguished Professor Award
 2. It appears as if this year there were two nomination, one of which did not qualify and the other nominee withdrew
 3. The discussion included that the process of nominating someone and completing the nomination packet was an ongoing problem
 4. The discussion included that nominations need to come from the faculty not the deans, and perhaps the reluctance to nominate faculty is an indication of how overwhelmed faculty feel
 5. The discussion also included that this Award does not need to be given each year, that it only should be given when faculty nominated another faculty member (faculty should not nominate themselves)
 6. These concerns will be addressed in the Fall
- J) Dr. Cashel-Cordo thanked the Chairs of the Standing Committees for their work
- K) Dr. Cashel-Cordo asked the Senate members to attend the open meeting for support.

8. The meeting adjourned 8:45 a.m. Next meeting May 5th

Respectfully submitted by Iris Phillips, Senate Secretary