

Faculty Senate Agenda

Friday September 21, 2007

3:00-4:30

ED 0138

Announcements

Report for Dr. Linda Bennett, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

Minutes

September 14, 2007

Old Business

Review Senate Charges 2006-2007

New Business

Faculty Senate Charges 2007-2008

Economic Benefits Committee

Faculty Affairs Committee

Curriculum Committee

University of Southern Indiana
Faculty Senate Minutes
Session: 3
Room: ED 0138
Date: September 21, 2007

Members Present: C. Baker (Chair), Cagle, Lesa F.; Felton, Margaret M; Goebel, Vella L.; Hoebeke, Roberta E.; Gillard, Sharlett K.; Kempf de Jong, Joan A.; Sauer, Katherine M.; Shaw, Marlene V.; Shields, Peggy S.; Tew, Chad; Wilding, Bill G., L. Bennett, ex-officio.

1. Call to order at 3:00 P.M.

- 2. Announcements:** C. Baker announced re: the meeting with the architects for space usage of the old Rice Library. There is a request for ideas for usage of that space. Please forward your ideas to C.J. Regin.

3. Report from Dr. Linda Bennett, Provost & Academic Vice President:

- A) In response to the question from College of Liberal Arts Senator Tew concerning the total number of searches: There were 44 hires of full-time faculty (all contract types) and 47 searches. There are 3 vacant full-time positions. Two are in the College of Nursing and Health Professions, and one in Education and Human Services.
 - B) Nominations for the Distinguished Professor Award and the Berger Community Service Award are needed. Dr. Bennett has extended the deadline to October 15th. Please submit nominations. The Academic Affairs webpage has the forms. Also, a reminder that the USI Foundation Awards for Outstanding Teaching by a new full-time faculty member and a part-time faculty member are due by November 5th.
- 4. Addendum:** Request to amend the agenda. Vote for either Dr. Aimee Luebben or Dr. Leslie Roberts to serve as tenured faculty on the Student Academic Grievance Committee. Voting for one nominee was done by ballot. R. Hoebeke counted the ballots. Election results were: Dr. Leslie Roberts.
- 5. Minutes:** The minutes of the September 14, 2007 Faculty Senate meeting were accepted and approved as edited (C. Tew/ S. Gillard), with 10 for and 2 abstentions (who were not present at the 9/14/07 meeting).

6. Old Business: Review Faculty Senate Charges 2006-2007 (see spreadsheet handout)

A) Economic Benefits

Charge #1: Faculty Senate Decision: The system we have will stay in place. C. Baker will write a brief summary of rationale in response to the charge and e-mail it to faculty.

Charge #2: Report will be forthcoming this fall.

Charge #3: Faculty Senate Decision: This will return as a new charge as it was not addressed last year.

7. New Business: Faculty Senate Charges 2007-2008

A) Charges for the Economic Benefits Committee, submitted by M.V. Shaw

Charge #1: Motion to add charge #1 to move forward (M. Shaw/ C. Tew).

Motion carried unanimously to move forward on this charge.

Charge #2: Motion (M. Shaw/ C. Tew) to amend charge #2 to strike “(3/3, 3/4, or 4/4 teaching schedule.” Motion carried unanimously to move forward on this charge.

Charge #3: Motion (M. Shaw/ V. Goebel) to amend charge #3 to strike “(3/3, 3/4, or 4/4 teaching schedule.” Motion carried unanimously to move forward on this charge.

B) Charges for the Economic Benefits Committee, submitted by Liberal Arts

Charge #1: Motion (C. Tew/ L. Cagle) to accept the first part of charge #1 as amended: “Investigate whether leave policies (parental, medical, etc.) for full and part-time faculty are commensurate with our peer institutions.” Motion carried unanimously to move forward on this portion of this charge. Much discussion ensued about the second part of this charge. Senators were referred to the Faculty Handbook section D6 page 8 and page 55 in the faculty section re: sick time and medical leaves are federal law and not subject to revision at the local institutional level. Faculty Senate Decision: move forward with the first part of charge #1.

Charge #2: This charge was discussed. C. Tew will obtain clarification on the intent of charge #2.

Charges #3 and #4: These have already been addressed.

C) Charges for the Economic Benefits Committee, submitted by B. Wilding

Charge #1: Motion (B. Wilding/ M. Felton) to “Explore the issue of raising the level of the tuition waiver for dependants of faculty and staff from 50% to 75% and make recommendations.” Motion carried unanimously to move forward on this charge.

Charge #2: “Evaluate the new promotion compensation package.” Dr. Bennett is willing to look at this again and report back to Faculty Senate.

D) Charges for the Curriculum Committee, presented by M. Krahling

Dr. Mark Krahling, Chair of the Core Curriculum committee, here to present the University Core Curriculum Recommendation document. M. Krahling will send these recommendations to the Curriculum Committee. He will give Faculty Senate a report after his follow-up appointment with the Curriculum Committee. Data will be provided on the February 2007 Report of the Developmental Education subcommittee of the Enrollment and Retention Task Force. Faculty Senate has accepted charges 1 and 2 from the University Curriculum Committee dated 04-17-07, so they will move forward.

E) Charges for the Student Affairs Committee

C. Baker will put together charges for the Student Affairs Committee and send them to Senators via e-mail soon. Please reply with responses in a timely manner.

F) Additional charge for consideration from Dr. L. Bennett

Should a student earn a specified number of credit hours before going on probationary status?

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM. The next meeting will be on October 12th at 3:00 P.M. in ED 0138.

Respectfully submitted by Roberta Hoebeke, Senate Secretary