

University of Southern Indiana  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
Session # 10  
Room: UC 206  
Date: 3/22/02

Approved

Members Present: C. Baker, J. Davis-Brezette, A. Foroughi, M. Graham, R.L. Reid , ex-officio, T. Pickett, W. Rinks, P. Shields, S. Sullivan, M. Vandever, J. McCullough (for C. Tripp), A. White, W. Wilding

1. Call to order 3:00
2. Announcements – Wayne Rinks provided feedback on questions raised at the budget committee meeting. The President requested that the Economic Benefits Committee provide additional information on the financial impact of implementing health benefits for same sex partners. Congratulations were extended to Abbas Foroughi, representative from the School of Business, for winning the Berger Award. The Senate has two remaining meetings for the semester; Wayne thanked Senators for all their hard work this semester. He also reminded individuals of the upcoming elections for Senate seats and committees to be held by each school.
3. Dr. Reid – The Board of Trustees approved promotions for three people from Assistant to Associate Professor, five faculty were promoted from Associate to full professor, five individuals were also approved for tenure at that meeting. Details with the names of faculty can be found on the USI website. The Commission for Higher Education met and approved the E-Business program. The University has joined in partnership with English as a Second Language International. This organization provides a bridge for graduate and undergraduate students to develop English skills. Students will be given intense language skill development training.
4. Minutes – Minutes for Senate Session # 9 were approved with a change in wording for item 4. to read: Matthew Graham noted that an informal poll of the Liberal Arts faculty resulted in 63 of 96 full-time faculty members in Liberal Arts being in favor of the Minority Report, 0 for the Majority Report, and 1 against both reports. (Sullivan, Graham)
5. Old Business – None

6. New Business

a) Consideration of Statement on Textbook and Education Materials Royalties - A motion was passed to accept the Draft 4 Statement on Textbook and Educational Royalties. (Sullivan, Graham)

b) Diversity Council Interim Report – Gary May provided the Senate with a Power Point presentation giving an executive summary of preliminary findings. The Diversity Council consists of 9 faculty members 3 of whom serve on the Senate. Gary outlined the assigned charges and provided an update on findings, work in progress, and recommendations. Senators were allowed to ask questions and provide feedback on the work completed so far. The Diversity Council requested additional time to complete the charges in the fall and submit a full report to the Senate during the regular committee reporting cycle during the spring of 2003. Wayne Rinks and several Senators congratulated Gary May and the Council on the depth and breadth of work that was undertaken.

7. Wayne Rinks distributed a draft of Principles Guiding Statewide Transfer and Articulation in Indiana.
8. Wayne Rinks said the last thing he had been told by Phyllis Toy was that she would get the Honors Program information together and send it to Faculty Senate.
9. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Submitted by: C. Christy Baker, Secretary