

FACULTY SENATE

Meeting #8 Agenda

February 21, 2001

7:45 A.M.

University Center, Room 206

Announcements

Report from President Hoops

Report from Vice President Reid

Approval of minutes from meeting #7

Old Business

New Business

- FAAC Report
- Student Access: After Hours
- Budget Plan
- Program Chairs, Selection and Term
- Student Evaluations

Adjournment

University of Southern Indiana
Faculty Senate Minutes
Session: #8
Room: University Center, Room 206
Date: February 21, 2001

Approved

Members Present: M. Aakhus, C. Baker, H. Edwards, P. Frazer, M. Krahling, M. Kocakulah, R.L. Reid (ex-officio), T. Pickett, W. Rinks, P. Shields, S. Sullivan, A. White, B. Wilding

1. Call to Order: 7:45 am

2. Announcements

Mark Krahling, Faculty Senate Chair, made the following announcements.

- a) Mark reminded Senate members of the upcoming budget hearings.
- b) AAC&U (Association of American Colleges & Universities) is offering Faculty Fellow Internships during Summer 2001. Faculty selected will work with a mentor in Washington DC. If interested, please contact Mark for more details and an application form.
- c) The conference on Intellectual Property was attended by faculty and the librarian staff. The Library staff can serve as excellent references when questions arise about copyright in preparing a course for distance education.
- d) An individual has been hired into the Copyright Clerk position. This person will assist faculty in obtaining the necessary copyright permission for content presented in distance education courses.
- e) Faculty Senate budget presentation is scheduled for March 26.
- f) H. Lee Cooper Award is still seeking nominations. An e-mail detailing the application process will be forthcoming.

3. Report from Dr. Reid.

- a) The House Ways and Means Committee has acted on the state budget. From the information that is known, there would appear to be an improvement in funding when compared to the Governor's proposed budget but complete details are not known at this time.
- b) Results from the Major Field Tests and Academic Profile testing have been received. Results are positive overall with some further review of the data needed. Dr. Reid suggested that a report be presented on the testing results at a future Senate meeting.
- c) Twelve awards from Instructional Technology Services/CASTL Summer Institute Online Teaching and Learning will be presented to faculty planning distance education course development during Summer 2001.

4. Minutes from meeting #7: Approved as distributed. (Rinks, Edwards)

5. Old Business

- a) Two agenda items were identified as requiring further discussion and will be added to future Senate meetings.
 - 1) Discussion of the University Calendar
 - 2) Review of the policy on the selection process of new faculty

6. New Business

- a) Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee (FAAC): An interim report from the FAAC was reviewed by the Senate. The data indicate that the percentage of tenured track positions have been decreasing over the last six years. This is consistent with national data and may reflect the difficulty in faculty recruitment. A motion to accept the FAAC report was approved (Kocakulah, Wilding).
- b) Budget Plan – Senate members reviewed requested data about the final budget and budget requests from last year. From this discussion, a preliminary list of budget items was generated. Further discussion and information is requested before the final budget items and prioritization of these items will be accomplished. The preliminary list of budget items include:
 - 1) Support the addition of Computer Center/Network Staff
 - 2) Increase summer compensation (2.5% to 2.85%)
 - 3) Support the increase in promotion stipends
 - 4) Support the Library funding requests including:
 - (a) Maintain and add to library holdings including online databases
 - (b) Add reference librarian
 - 5) Support the continued efforts to convert non-tenured track positions to tenure track positions
 - 6) Distanced Education and Technology requests will be reviewed at a future meeting. Specific issues identified by Senate included:
 - (a) Additional position to support software and conversion of courses
 - (b) Faculty compensation for creating/implementing online courses.
 - 7) Student Affairs Committee report is also needed to consider new student fees that are being proposed to support academic endeavors such as lecture series and increased exposure to the arts.
 - 8) A report from the Lilly Grant efforts was also suggested in particular looking at efforts to increase retention.
 - 9) Dr. Reid will also bring a list of budget items from Academic Affairs to the next Senate meeting.

Of the items listed thus far, Senate members identified the network position, the recommended increase in promotion stipends, and the proposed increase in summer compensation as top priorities.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am. (Rinks, Sullivan)

Respectfully submitted,

Ann White, Secretary