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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
Faculty Senate Minutes
Session 8
Feb. 15, 1991

Members Present: D. Kinsey, Chairman; Professors Aakhus, Chess, Denner, Elpers, Hildebrand, Hooper, Kocakulah, Melander, Shaw, Waters

Ex Officio Members Present: Vice President Reid

Guests Present: M. Barrows, L. Matheson, Dr. Bandoli

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Dr. Kinsey.
2. The minutes of Session 7, February 1, 1991, were approved.
3. Report of Vice President Reid.

There is a growing realization of how difficult is the financial situation of the state of Indiana. There may be as much as a \$900 million deficit over the next biennium. There may be no budget increases for the universities. Money saved here at USI in the remainder of the year can be used over the next two years.

The Commission did approve USI's baccalaureate program in Occupational Therapy at its meeting on February 7, 1991.

4. Student Academic Affairs Committee Report.

It was moved (Hildebrand) and seconded (Hooper) to accept the report of the Student Academic Affairs Committee. Motion passed.

After considerable discussion of the report, it was moved (Shaw) and seconded (Denner) that Item 3 and Item 4 of the recommendations of the Student Academic Affairs Committee be implemented prior to preregistration in October, 1991. Motion passed.

It was suggested that the topic of the Fall, 1991, Faculty meeting be a faculty workshop on advising.

Dr. Bandoli presented the recommendation of the Student Academic Affairs Committee that the faculty member should have an option of initiating an academic withdrawal for a student who fails to attend classes. Questions raised in this discussion included the following.

- a. How many students appeal the grade of F?
- b. Can there be a special designation for faculty initiated academic withdrawal to distinguish it from the usual grade of "W"?
- c. Do students on financial aid get their financial aid when a grade of F is earned?

5. Announcements.

Larry Goss is nearly finished with the editing of the Faculty Handbook. He will be invited to the next Faculty Senate meeting to present the changes.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be March 8, 1991. This will be the only meeting in March.

6. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Chess

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Secretary