

FACULTY SENATE  
MEETING #3

To: All Faculty  
From: Timothy Schibik *TS*  
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Subject: Faculty Senate Meeting #3

Friday, 20 October 1995  
UC 308  
3:00 - 4:30pm

AGENDA  
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1. Approval of Minutes Meeting #2
2. Report from President Hoops
3. Report from Vice President Reid
4. Report from the Volunteerism Task Force - Joanne Wright
5. Old Business
  - A. Scholastic Excellence Award Criteria
6. New Business
  - A. Curricular Committee Issues
7. Announcements
8. Adjournment

University of Southern Indiana  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
Session 3  
October 20, 1995  
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Approved

Members Present: T. Schibik, Chairman, J. Bandoli, S. Cox (for S. Wolfe), M. Graham, W. Jermakowicz, M. Krahling (for J. Barnett), L. Matheson, L. Musgrove, P. Newcomb, M. O'Grady, L. Roberts (for S. Hoeness-Krupsaw), President. R. Hoops (ex-officio)

Guests Present: J. Byrd, W. Henderson, C. Smith

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman T. Schibik.

2. The minutes of session #2 approved as amended.

3. **Report from President Hoops**

A. Three units of new student housing and the authorization date for the liberal arts classroom building have received final approval by the legislature.

B. J. Byrd was invited by President Hoops to discuss the changes to the Scholastic Excellence Awards (SEA). After joining USI, Dr. Byrd reviewed USI awards programs, including the SEA, as a component of the recruiting and retention efforts.

1. The following criteria changes were proposed by a task force of J. Byrd, J. Deem, T. Buecher, and J. Patton, and approved by the Administrative Council and Dr. Hoops for the SEA program:

Rule	Former Criteria	Current Criteria
Full-time Requirement	12 hours/semester	15 hours/semester
Completion Rate	12 hours/semester	24 hours/year
Maximum Time Frame	5 years or 124 attempted hours	4 years or 124 earned hours
Evaluation Frequency	Each semester	End of spring semester
Renewal GPA	2.5 through 62 hours 3.0 after 63 hours	2.0 end of 1st year 2.25 end of 2nd year 2.50 end of 3rd year
Coordination of Tuition Benefits	Implied coordination	Specify SEA will be applied after all tuition/fees benefits

2. The rationale for the changes included:

a. The SEAs are a recruiting tool to attract students who would not otherwise attend USI. The Awards are granted to high school graduates who are in the top ten percent of their graduating class with a 3.6/4.0 gpa, or 3.0/4.0 gpa if a recipient of an Indiana Academic Honors Diploma, or 3.0/4.0 gpa for transfer students. Approximately 400 SEAs are granted per year.

b. Fifteen hours/semester is the FTE basis for monies from the State and even though recipients are granted a discount of 1/2 on tuition costs, USI receives monies from the State that it would not receive because these students would enroll elsewhere without the Award.

- c. The best high school graduates, who are recipients of the Awards, should be expected to carry a full load of 15 hours and complete an undergraduate degree in four years.
- d. Evaluating student academic progress after the first semester of the transitional year from high school to college is too soon for an accurate review. Evaluating the recipients for academic progress at the end of the first year permits the student to rebound from a difficult first semester and also diminishes the chance of the student dropping out when poor performance during the first semester results in the loss of an SEA. Yearly evaluation also places the SEA criteria in accordance with other aid granting agencies.

C. The changes in SEA policy have been approved and are in place, and Dr. Hoops indicated that new policies require a three year trial period for accurate review. He proposes a joint commission to review scholarship policies at USI.

D. Faculty senate member J. Bandoli and S. Cox voiced the following concerns regarding the changes in SEA policy:

- 1. The policy changes were implemented administratively without consultation with the faculty senate or other faculty.
- 2. Dissemination of information to faculty about the policy changes was lacking.
- 3. At the time that former criteria were implemented, there was a perception by students who are not receiving tuition benefits but have higher academic achievement than some SEA recipients that they are being treated unfairly.
- 4. A 2.0 gpa is too low for scholastic excellence and will be the goal that recipients aspire to.
- 5. Monies to fund the Awards are being appropriated from scarce USI resources.

4. **Report from Vice President Reid**  
A. Dr. Reid was unable to attend. No Report.

5. **Old Business**  
A. Barry Schroader was appointed as the student member of the Student Academic Grievance Committee.

6. **New Business**  
A. W. Henderson as past chair reported on the business of the Curricular Committee.

- 1. The most significant activity over the past five years has been to hold hearings about and pass the University Core Curriculum (UCC).
- 2. The Committee reviews all petitions for new courses, course revisions, new programs, and program revisions. The Committee receives from 100 to 200 petitions per year. Often the reviews are limited to verifying that information is included on the form correctly.
- 3. New courses, course revisions, program revisions, and new programs are published in the University Notes for comment and if there are no objections, they are approved. The Committee reviews any objections, comments, or problems.

  
B. J. Gottcent, Chair of the UCC Committee will be invited to a future faculty senate meeting. The UCC Committee was organized and operated outside the regular faculty governance structure.

7. **Announcements**  
A. The report from the Volunteerism Task Force by Joanne Wright will be deferred to the next meeting.  
B. Martha Niemeier, ex-officio, and two other Curricular Committee members will be invited to a future faculty senate meeting.  
C. T. Schibik is meeting with Vice President Reid to plan the spring faculty meeting which will include break out sessions. A steering committee will be established to facilitate planning.

D. The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is planning a faculty development workshop on November 16, 1995. The senate faculty chair plus two other faculty are invited. Agenda items include faculty governance role in the university and faculty representation on boards of trustees. Interested faculty should contact T. Schibik.

8. **Adjournment**

A. The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Matheson*

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