

Faculty Senate Agenda
Friday November 18th 2011
2-4pm in UC 2206

Meeting Secretary: Kent Scheller

Minutes from Faculty Senate meeting on October 21st, 2011.

Update from Dr. Ron Rochon, Provost.

Update from Dr. Kent Scheller on Commission for Higher Education.

Update from Dr. Michael Dixon, Co-Chair of UCC Review Task Force.

Report from Adrian Gentle, Faculty Senate Chair.

Unfinished Business

1. Tenure and Promotion Policy

New Business

1. Student Affairs: Summer Credit-hour Limit
2. Confidentiality and the Copy Center
3. Tenure Timeline Charge
4. Summer Teaching Load Charge
5. Affiliate Status
6. Budget priorities for 2012-13

Next Meeting: December 2nd at 2pm in UC 2206.

Adjourn.

Minutes
Faculty Senate Meeting
11/18/2011

Present: Brian Posler, Sid Hall, Ron Rochon, Adrian Gentle (chair), Linda Bennett, Steve Williams, Brandon Field, Ethel Elkins, Mary Hallock Morris, Maria Shirey, Jennifer Williams, Michael Dixon, Brandon Eggleston, Kent Scheller (secretary)

Call to order: 2:04 PM

Dr. Linda Bennett Report:

As a response to pressures from the legislature to reduce costs of tuition statewide, Dr Bennett proposed and the board approved a 20% reduction in summer tuition. It is estimated that this reduction in income will approach \$800,000 over the biennium. She reported that her office received a letter from Representative Espich, Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, stating that this action was “not enough”.

Dr. Bennett reported that there may be a change in the university budget hearing process. With state revenues flat and increases in insurance and utilities, there may be no discretionary revenue to distribute. Therefore she may not ask for colleges to make presentations for budget requests.

Motion to approve minutes from 10/21/2011: Ethel Elkins, seconded by Maria Shirey, Motion carried. (Field was absent on 10/21/2011 and abstained).

Dr. Rochon Report:

Dr. Rochon reported on the weekly meetings of the Behavioral Intervention Team. He hopes to use this group to better inform faculty of student issues. Since this committee is comprised of administrative personnel, he wishes to add a department chair for representation from the academic units.

Dr. Rochon reported on the work of the Administrative Appeals Committee. He is looking at policies to help this committee deal with student withdrawals, grade changes, and unpaid tuition by these students.

Report from Kent Scheller on the Commission for Higher Education (CHE):

No report. Next Commission meeting on 12/8 and 12/9.

Report from Michael Dixon on the Core Task Force:

Michael updated the Senate regarding the ongoing revisions of the Core model. It is hoped that the latest revision will be available for faculty review by 12/7. Michael asked that we use the spring faculty meeting to roll out the model—using breakout sessions to collect faculty input. Discussion ensued regarding the spring meeting. It was agreed upon that there would be a smaller number of breakout sessions with a focus on consistency in the facilitation of each session. A 1.5 hour session was mentioned for the duration of the breakout.

Once all of the faculty input is processed, subsequent town-hall meetings with the faculty will be conducted to update the faculty on the status of the model’s revisions. Michael asked the Senate when would be the latest date we could consider a new Core model and what documentation would we need. A date of 3/12/2012 was set. The

necessary documentation would be: a layout of the new Core (similar to our existing documentation), criteria for each area of the new core, any recommendations for implementation, and a summary document providing thoughts and rationale for all areas of the new model.

Report from Dr. Adrian Gentle, Faculty Senate Chair:

Adrian reported that the faculty representative on the Tobacco Free Committee will be Nicole Reid.

Adrian reported attendance at the Board of Trustees meeting on 11/3, where he reviewed current charges being considered by the Senate.

Adrian announced that Ethel Elkins will serve on the Commencement Committee.

Unfinished Business

Tenure and Promotion Policy:

Kent Scheller reported that he had sent out the latest revisions on the new language edits. Comments will be received through 11/22 and will be incorporated into the handbook language for consideration at our 12/2 meeting. Discussion ensued about specifics of promotion from assistant to associate and from associate to full.

Dr. Rochon commented about his reservations regarding the lack of full professors on the Promotions Committee when considering promotions to full professor. He mentioned the possibility of a working group of full professors that consider the merits of candidates going up for full. Some questions followed regarding the existing policy and that this does not follow our current guidelines in the Handbook. Kent suggested convening the small number of candidates for full professor prior to their review to solicit their positions on this proposal, since it does not follow current practice. A temporary group could potentially be used, if agreed upon, while the Senate crafts new policy for the handbook.

New Business

Copy Center Charge:

Dr. Rochon met with Todd Wilson regarding the Copy Center policy on the handling of sensitive material by student workers. It was determined that no students will handle/copy tests in the Copy Center, effective 11/17/2011.

Student Affairs: Summer Credit-hour Limit

Brandon Eggleston reported back from the Student Affairs committee with a recommendation that a student taking summer classes be limited to a total of 12 hours (down from 18) for the entire summer term unless a greater number of hours is approved by an academic advisor.

He reported that the committee also recommends no more than 7 hours per summer session.

Kent Scheller moved and Jennifer Williams seconded to accept the recommendations of the Student Affairs committee and send them to the Provost's office. Motion carried, Brandon Fields abstained

Tenure Timeline Charge

Adrian introduced a charge to review current tenure timeline (new in 2008).
Issues have arisen regarding the timing of reviews in this process.

Jennifer William motioned and Mary Hallock Morris seconded to send this charge to Faculty Affairs.

Motion Carried.

Summer Teaching Load Charge

Adrian introduced a charge for the review of summer compensation policy—especially regarding the maximum amount of income allowed (teaching and grants) during the summer period.

Kent Scheller motioned and Mary Hallock Morris seconded to send this charge to Faculty Affairs.

Motion Carried.

Affiliate Status Charge

Adrian introduced a charge to specifically define the position of Affiliate faculty at the University of Southern Indiana. It was discussed that Kent Scheller, along with Brian Posler, will study how this position is defined at other institutions and draft language for inclusion in our new promotion and tenure policy.

Jennifer William motioned and Mary Hallock Morris seconded to treat this charge in this manner.

Motion Carried.

Budget Priorities for 2012-13

Covered in Dr. Bennett's report.

Next meeting will take place on 12/2/2011 at 2 pm in UC 2206

Adjournment