

FACULTY SENATE

Meeting #4 Agenda

November 8, 2000

7:45 A.M.

University Center, Room 206

Announcements

Report from President Hoops

Report from Vice President Reid

Approval of minutes from meeting #3

Old Business

New Business

Approval of Aimee Luebben as Faculty Representative on Center for Disability Studies Advisory Group

Interim Report – Faculty & Academic Affairs Committee

Charles Harrington - Assistant Vice President, Academic Affairs

Program Chairs, Selection and Term

Student Evaluations

Adjournment

University of Southern Indiana
Faculty Senate Minutes
Session: #4
Room: University Center, Room 206
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Approved

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

Guests: Dr. C. Harrington, Dr. J. Gottcent, Dr. P. Raymond, Dr. P. Toy, S. Hermann, J. Luther, R. Rollins

1. Call to Order: 7:45 am

2. Announcements

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

- a) P. Hips, Faculty Senate representative from the School of Education and Human Services has accepted another position and left the university. C. Baker will now serve in this position.
- b) A task force to investigate the use of automated time clocks for university clerical staff has been established. Human Resources requested representatives from Faculty Senate to participate in this task force. M. Krahling and P. Shields will represent Faculty Senate.
- c) Clarification of one agenda item for today's meeting included the request for Faculty Senate endorsement of A. Luebben as faculty representative on the Center for Disability Studies Advisory Group.
- d) The charge to investigate Program Chairs participation in Faculty Senate was presented to the Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee.
- e) Board of Trustees met and approved changes in the health care plans available to faculty and staff. Further information will be presented later in this meeting.
- f) Human Resources and M. Krahling have been updating the University Handbook to incorporate all of the changes approved during the last academic year.
- g) Faculty Senate has been asked to provide a short presentation to the university Technology Committee. The presentation will focus on the Senate's identification of priority technology needs for the university. Priority needs in addition to the list of technology needs of September 13, 2000 were the need for a computer on each faculty's desk and the need to investigate the student utilization of the network.
- h) The Wellness Center is requesting a endorsement by Faculty Senate of the Great American Smoke Out on November 16, 2000. The goal is a campus-wide smoke free environment for one day. Motion to endorse was approved (Rinks, Sullivan).

- b) Interim report from the Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee on the evaluation of assistant/associate deans and voting on promotion decisions was approved (Wilding, Pickett). The report will now be presented to the Administrative Council and policy statements will be placed in the University Handbook. This report will also become a part of the final report from the Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee.
- c) Dr. R. Reid gave an overview of the decision to reorganize Academic Affairs. Dr. C. Harrington, newly appointed Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs, gave an overview of the departments/councils/programs that now report to this position. A representative presented an overview of the activities and responsibilities for each departments/councils/programs.
- 1) Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence
 - \$20,000 in teaching enhancement awards will be presented to faculty this year. Since the Centers beginning over \$70,000 has been awarded to enhance teaching through awards, travel to conferences and supplies.
 - Faculty workshops have been presented with additional workshops planned
 - CASTLE – formal collaborative project with Carnegie Foundation will be implemented in the Spring 2001 semester
 - Academic Advising Task Force is being developed to examine the advising system.
 - 2) Institutional Research and Assessment
 - Continue to search for Director
 - Research Agenda includes a student needs assessment survey (freshman), long term alumni survey and a study to collect data from students who were in good standing and choose to withdraw from the university (last 5 years)
 - Assessment Day is Tuesday, November 14 with over 3500 students taking the academic profile exam, 800 seniors taking the Major Field Tests, and 2 surveys for UCC Assessment Committees to be completed.
 - 3) UCC Assessment
 - Program Assessment to improve the University Core Curriculum.
 - 5 committees comprised of faculty who teach courses in the UCC develop a 3 year evaluation plan for each segment.
 - 4) UCCC
 - Developing the guidelines for the H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award that will be presented during the Spring 2001 semester. Dr. Gottcent was asked to present this information at the university faculty meeting in January.
 - 5) Academic Skills
 - Presented the ACHIEVE program which is currently a pilot early warning system to identify and assist students who are at high risk of failing a course.
 - Placement Testing program was also presented. A committee has been created to assess the program and review the current policies of this program.

3. Report from Dr. Hoops

- a) Budget update was presented by Dr. Hoops.
 - 1) The budget for the next biennium has been presented to the House/Senate Budget Committee. Response was positive to the USI budget requests.
 - 2) The election results at the state level will probably not have a great effect on the university in that most of the officials were re-elected and are already supportive of USI.
 - 3) The Commission on Higher Education have submitted the following recommendations for the upcoming budgets proposed.
 - (a) Capital
 - Funding for the remaining half of the Science and Education building was approved.
 - \$2 million was recommended for the road work project
 - Moneys to renovate the Library were not approved but the Commission did agree to reconsider.
 - (b) Technology funding is recommended to be included in the base funding for each university
 - (c) Personnel – a 4% increase is proposed with the hope that additional funds will become available
 - (d) Academic Programs – an increase of 1/2 percent of the university base budget for each year is proposed to support new academic programming
 - (e) General Operations – a 3% increase was proposed
- b) Changes in Health Care Coverage
 - 1) With the increases in health care costs, the university negotiated a new health care benefit packages. Costs have increased with the largest increase in the Welborn HMO plan.

4. Report from Dr. Reid.

- a) The Board of Trustees approved the Applied Computer Sciences baccalaureate program. The Board also delegated deliberations about the changes in the engineering program to a committee. Dr. Reid commended the faculty presentations for the Computer program (Dr. P. Fisher and Dr. M. Albin) and Engineering program (J. Frederichs).
- b) The changes in the health care coverage will be detailed in the University Notes.
- c) After continued difficulty to find a presenter for the January 2, 2001 university faculty meeting, a decision was made to develop a presentation on the new academic programs (MHA, MOT, Computer Science, Engineering).

5. Minutes from meeting #3: Approved (Kocakulah, Shields).

6. Old Business - no old business

7. New Business

- a) Faculty Senate endorsed the appointment of A. Luebben as the faculty representative on the Center for Disability Studies Advisory Group (Shields, Edwards).