

FACULTY SENATE

Meeting # 11 Agenda

April 19, 2002

Spring Faculty Meeting

2:30 P.M.-4:30 P.M.

Mitchell Auditorium

Announcements

Report from Vice President Robert Reid

Approval of minutes from meeting #10

Old Business

New Business

- Report from Curriculum Committee
- Nominations for At Large Representatives to Faculty Senate

Adjournment

Note:

Immediately following the business meeting, Professor Aimee Luebben will present her Distinguished Professor Lecture entitled "The End of USI" followed by a reception in The Link.

University of Southern Indiana
Faculty Senate Minutes
Session # 11 & Spring Faculty Meeting
Room: Mitchell Auditorium
Date: 4/19/02

Approved

Members Present: C. Baker, J. Davis-Brezette, A. Foroughi, M. Graham, R.L. Reid, ex-officio, T. Pickett, W. Rinks, S. Sullivan, M. Vandeveer, C. Tripp, A. White, W. Wilding, Guests: Robert Ruble, Vice President for Business Affairs

1. Call to order 2:30
2. Announcements

a) Wayne Rinks made the following announcements:

The Pott School of Science and Engineering Technology elected the following: Kathy Rodgers as representative for 2002-2004 and Sangwoo Heo as her alternate. Shelly Blunt as representative for 2002-2003 and Mark Krahling as her alternate. (Shelly Blunt will complete Bill Wilding's term since he will be on sabbatical. Mark Krahling will complete Kent Scheller's term since he has resigned as alternate.)

- b) The final Senate meeting of the semester will take place on May 1, 2002 at 3:00 P.M. in UC 206.
- c) Robert Ruble, Vice President for Business Affairs made the following announcements:

University Budget

The USI budget is under great pressure for the 2002-2003 academic year. The State's R & R appropriation for building maintenance and the State's technology appropriation have been eliminated from the budget and will remain at zero dollars for this year and next. Funding is available for completion of the Science and Education Building as scheduled. USI will be able to handle state budget reductions due to conservative fiscal management and support from the USI Foundation. It will be recommended to the Board of Trustees that faculty salaries increase by approximately 2%-3%.

Tuition & Fees

It has been recommended to the Board of Trustees Finance Committee that tuition at USI increase by a little less than 10% effective this fall. Tuition at USI will continue to be the lowest in the state for four-year institutions. There will be a technology fee of \$5.00 per credit hour effective January 2003.

Facilities, Building and Renovations

A new USI library building plan is under review. A plan has been proposed to

build a new library instead of renovating the current library. This will allow for future growth in the student population and faculty size. Upon completion of the library building the University Center would be extended into the space currently occupied by the library creating a University Center Complex. Options for the renovated space could include using the current library basement for the storage and development of a larger bookstore. Tentative timelines (based on availability of funding) would include completion the Library by July 2005 and completion of the University Center project by July 2006. Renovation projects planned for implementation this fall will include the addition of a Burger King and a new pizza shop named Pete's Arena. These eateries will replace the current space occupied by the Eagle's Nest. A change has been made in the university agreement with Sodexho Food Services. Effective this fall campus groups and organizations will be allowed to bring in refreshments to the UC. Sodexho will continue to cater all University Center meals. Additional campus renovation projects will be revisited once the USI budget has been finalized during summer 2002. It is anticipated that the renovation budget will be trimmed significantly.

Parking

Effective fall 2002 there will be a mandatory Parking/Transportation fee. The fee will pay for parking on campus and offset the cost of the shuttle bus. The mandatory fee will eliminate the use of parking tags for all cars on campus. Parking rules for apartment dwellers will remain the same. Individuals who live on campus will be issued a decal for identification of their cars. All faculty and staff will be asked to submit license plate numbers for security purposes. The new lot in the valley, south of tennis courts identified as the overflow lot, has been underutilized since it opened. A small lot which accommodates 50 cars will be located between Newman Hall and the Recreation and Fitness Center.

Questions & Answers

Question: Who is responsible for insurance of University wide ADA? compliance?

Answer: The University ADA Compliance Officer is officially Darlene Fisher, Director of Human Resources.

Question: Is there a plan to institutionalize ADA compliance in campus wide development of new buildings, additions etc.?

Answer: The new Science Education Center has a design that goes well beyond the expected ADA Compliance requirements. For example, bathrooms have been designed to have open entrances similar to those utilized in airports without doors to provide better access. The University spent a considerable amount of money to bring the automatic doors to many of the campus buildings in the last year.

Question: Where will the new library be located?

Answer: Location for the new library has not been determined. It will be a free standing building near the Liberal Arts Building possibly in a part of the

space now occupied by the pay parking lot. The long range building plan allows for the creation of a quadrangle with a central commons area.

Question: Will the new library plans include space for classrooms, meeting rooms and faculty offices?

Answer: The new library is expected to have some classrooms and faculty offices, although fewer than in the original plan.

3. Report from Vice President Robert Reid

University Fundraising

University fundraising will exceed the goal set for this year which will surpass the \$7.6 million raised last year. The Office of Advancement led by Sherianne Standley and the Foundation staff should be commended for continued hard work and success in securing donations and scholarships for the university. This office provided \$10,000 for the faculty development fund as recommended by the faculty senate last year. Foundation support will help mitigate the stresses of the State's financial situation.

Enrollment

The Office of the Registrar reports that enrollment for this academic year has continued to grow. Pre-registration figures are up about 5.5% for the fall with increases for all summer terms. The Office of Admission reports the number of applications are ahead of last year, pointing toward another record year.

Campus Events

Tim Buecher, Director of Career Counseling, and his team were commended for leadership of Spring Fest 2002. Faculty were encouraged to attend with their families. The RISC Showcase faculty student research collaboration has been a success. Forty-nine different students are presenting collaborative efforts with student faculty research this Saturday.

Faculty Awards and Commendations

Gary May, Associate Professor of Social Work, received the Jefferson Award for Outstanding Community and Public Leadership. Scott Gordon, Associate Professor of Biology, received an award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching Technology and Learning at the 13th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning. Phyllis Toy, Associate Professor of English, was recognized for her leadership and initiation of the University Honors Program. Dr. Toy will return to full-time teaching. A new leader of the Honors Program will be appointed.

Program, Minor and Curriculum Updates

Paul Raymond, Chair of Philosophy and Political Science, will present the Master of Public Administration Program at the May meeting of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees previously approved new programs in

E-Business and Special Education. Minors in Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Military Science, and Classical Studies have been approved. The five year Lilly Retention Project will end next fall. That program has helped stimulate a number of initiatives including:

- a. a University Core Curriculum Speaker series
- b. an innovative new orientation program for new faculty which include a three day program initiation program and on-going activities throughout the year.
- c. the Center for Teaching and Learning offered workshops for faculty throughout the year including sixteen in the spring semester. Special thanks to Scott Gordon, Tim Schibik, and Joe Palladino.
- d. a Living Learning Communities Project to be launched in the fall of 2002. In this program three groups of students will take linked courses while living in housing. The goal is to have an impact on overall retention rates through the development of student networks for learning in housing.
- e. a University Handbook for Part-Time/Adjunct Faculty developed under the leadership of Charles Harrington.

Three task forces on Student Evaluation of Teaching, Academic Advising, and Writing Programs are continuing their work. Dr. Reid thanked the members of these committees together with the Faculty Senate and its committees for making this such a successful year.

4. Approval of Minutes from meeting # 10 – The minutes for Senate meeting # 10 were approved as submitted (Sullivan, Graham)
5. Old Business – None
6. New Business
 - a) Report from the Curriculum Committee – The Report from the curriculum committee was accepted as submitted. (Davis-Brezette, Sullivan)
 - b) Nominations for At Large Representatives to Faculty Senate. The procedure for submission of ballots for the At Large Representative positions was presented by Wayne Rinks. Robert Jeffers will move from the Alternate At-Large position to complete the remaining year of Melissa Vandeveer's 2001-2003 term.
Nominations for the At-Large Senate Representative and Alternate were:
Gary May
Thomas Pickett
Leslie Roberts
Kevin Valadares
Eric vonFuhrmann

The person with the highest number of votes will be the Alternate and the person who receives the second largest number of votes will become the alternate.

Nominations for an alternate for Robert Jeffers were:

Michael Dixon
David Drebushenko
Ralph Matacale

Faculty must vote by noon April 29th. Ballots will be counted at the Faculty Senate Meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. in UC 206.

7. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by: C. Christy Baker, Secretary