

FACULTY SENATE

Meeting # 5 Agenda

December 7, 2001

2:00 P.M.-3:30 P.M.

UC 215

Announcements

Report from President H. Ray Hoops

Report from Vice President Robert Reid

Approval of minutes from meetings #3 and #4

Old Business

New Business

- BA/BS in E-Business
- Update on Spring University Meeting
- Set dates and times for Spring Senate meetings
- Meet candidate for Vice President for Business Affairs

Adjournment

University of Southern Indiana
Faculty Senate Minutes
Session # 5
Room: UC 215
Date: 12/7/01

Approved

Members Present: C. Baker, J. Davis-Brezette, R. Hoops (President), A. Foroughi, M. Graham, R.L. Reid (ex-officio), T. Pickett, W. Rinks, P. Shields, M. Sparks for A. White, S. Sullivan, C. Tripp for self and M. Vandever, W. Wilding,
Guests: E. Jones, Robert Ruble

1. Call to order 2:00
2. Introductions – Members were introduced for the benefit of two Senate alternates
3. President's Report – Dr. Hoops reported on the status of the budget situation for the University. USI will be able to absorb a reasonable share of the proposed state budget cuts over the next year. There are concerns with state level management and budget resources for the 2003-2004 academic year. There are current cuts proposed in the University budget. The depth and nature of the proposed cuts will depend on the state's ability to manage current resources and to generate new revenue through proposed sales taxes on cigarettes, etc. As a part of budget planning USI is examining the rate of tuition increase as an option for dealing with a small part of the projected budget shortfall. The amount of any increase will be decided when the amount of state cuts is decided and amount of potential revenue is clarified.
4. Academic Affairs Report – Dr. Reid
 - a) The Design and Construction Report was distributed for Senate review. The change in the rerouting of Clarke Lane has gone relatively smoothly with a continued need to monitor the area to prevent traffic accidents as students, staff, and faculty become accustomed to the new roadway changes. Several Senators commented on how the new roadway system was working and suggested that new lighting should be considered for the boulevard, crosswalks, and the lake area.
 - b) Assessment Day, November 13, 2001 was highly successful. Over 2,000 students participated, 1,500 were freshmen. There were field tests in ten (10) majors and approximately 100 faculty members volunteered to proctor. Dr. Reid thanked the faculty for their willingness to participate.
5. Minutes for the Senate Meetings # 3 and 4 were approved unanimously. (Shields, Wilding)

6. New Business

- a) Wayne Rinks distributed the job description and Candidate Evaluation form for the position of Vice President for Business Affairs. He also distributed the resume and cover letter for the applicant, Dr. Robert W. Ruble. Senators were given an opportunity to ask questions of the candidate during the Senate meeting.
- b) The new academic program for a degree in E-Business has been presented and approved by the University Curriculum Committee. A motion was made to to have the USI Senate approve the BS in E-Business degree program as designed. (Wilding, Trip). The motion passed unanimously.
- c) Wayne Rinks reminded Senate members to please sign up for the sessions offered during the Spring Faculty meeting. Senators were encouraged to e-mail their colleagues to encourage full participation in the workshops. Mary Ann McCulloch will also send an email reminder to all full-time faculty to sign up.
- d) Senators reviewed their calendars and decided to schedule meetings on the following dates at 3:00 P.M.: January 11, & 25; February 8, & 22 . Additional meetings will be determined at the first meeting in January.

7. Old Business

- a) Phyllis Toy provided the Senate with feedback based on previous questions about the Honors Program. The Honors Council has met and been given the questions and concerns raised at the Senate meeting. They will give careful consideration to the concerns raised.
- b) The University Grievance Committee's response to the Senate charge that they review, clarify, and recommend new wording for pages 57 and 58 of the Faculty Handbook was that this charge was not in their purview. A motion was made to forward the charge to review the difference in language to a Senate sub-committee. (Davis-Brezette, Graham). The motion passed unanimously. The Senate sub-committee will consist of Jane Davis-Brezette, Matthew Graham, and Peggy Shields. Their recommendation will be presented at the first meeting in March. Dr. Rinks will compose a memo to the University Grievance Committee.
- c) Matthew Graham provided a report on campus-wide recycling. The Physical Plant administration agreed that the recycling program could use improvements especially in the area of uniformity. Anyone who wishes to have an individual recycle box for his/her desk may contact Steve Selby at the physical plant. A suggestion was made that campus organizations might be interested in taking over some recycling efforts as a method of raising funds. A meeting will be held to remind custodial staff about proper recycling methods. A program to start recycling at the dorms is being considered.

8. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Submitted by: C. Christy Baker, Secretary