

FACULTY SENATE

AGENDA

Friday April 16, 2004

3:00 P.M.

HP 2027

Announcements and Introductions

Report from Provost and Vice President's Office

Report from C. Christy Baker, Faculty Senate Chair

Approval of Minutes Faculty Senate Meeting # 11 (March 26, 2004)

Old Business

Senate Sub-Committee Report on Adjunct Representation

New Business

Assessment Committee Report

Economic Benefits Committee Report

Grievance and Hearing Committee Report

State of the University Report Request/Ideas

University of Southern Indiana
Faculty Senate Minutes
Session #13
Room: HP2027
Date: April 16, 2004

Approved

Members Present: C. Baker, J. Bandoli, P. Cashel-Cordo, D. Cousert (in lieu of J. Davis-Brezette), P. Doss, C. Ehlen, J. Evey (in lieu of S. Sullivan), M. Graham, K. Rodgers, B. Johnson, G. May, K. Valadares

M. McCullough, Sr. Administrative Associate for Academic Affairs,

Members Absent: H. Ray Hoops, ex-officio; L. Bennett, ex-officio; J. Davis-Brezette, S. Sullivan.

Guests: Charley Harrington

1. Call to order at 3:00 P.M.

2. Report from Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Linda L. M. Bennett
In Dr. Bennett's absence, Dr. Harrington delivered the report:

a) The list of the Higher Learning Commission Self-study suggested committee appointments was distributed. There was one correction: Mehmet Kocakulah will replace Peggy Shields on the committee charged with criterion two – Preparing for the Future.

b) Also distributed was a list of members from the University Advising Council (UAC). Sandy Farmer is a new addition to the group. At the last UAC meeting, the suggestion was made that reports be made periodically to the Faculty Senate on the committee's progress. As well, the UAC requests that the Senate consider proposing a mission statement that the UAC could adopt.

3. Report from Senate Chair, C. Christy Baker:

a) The Spring Faculty Meeting is set for Friday April 30th 3pm in Mitchell Auditorium. At large Faculty Senate appointments are to be discussed.

b) A reminder that the schools need to undertake their Faculty Senate/Faculty Senate Committee voting processes soon.

c) Committee reports from this year are slowly coming in.

4. Minutes from March 26, 2004 (Session #11) were tabled pending further clarification of items until the next meeting.

5. Old Business

a) Senate sub-committee report on adjunct representation:

M. Graham presented the report. A discussion ensued. Senators reported on surveys conducted in their schools. While there were mixed responses concerning the issue, overall there was minimal support in advocating for adjunct representation. C. Baker pointed out that any change in representation would mean a change in faculty bylaws. K Rodgers noted that adjuncts currently have representation through the current process but do not have a member from their ranks on

the Senate.

The following motion was made and passed (6yes/5no): No action should be taken on the Senate sub-committee report on adjunct representation.

6. New Business

a) The Economics Benefits committee report was distributed to Senators this week and will be on the agenda for discussion as the next meeting. Detailed information by schools (on the Sabbatical Survey) is available. Senate members should request this from D. Cousert.

b) Assessment Committee Final Report: A discussion ensued. There was a degree of confusion in regards to the structure and intentions of the report.

The following motion was made and unanimously passed: The report should be returned to the committee for clarification, corrections and full committee review.

c) Grievance and Hearing committee – There were no grievances filed for the 2003-2004 academic year. The report was accepted (9yes/1no/1abstain).

d) State of the University Report/Ideas

At the last Senate meeting, Dr. Hoops made a presentation concerning the State of the University. G. May commented that there was minimal reference to faculty in this presentation. A discussion ensued. G. May requests feedback from Senators regarding Dr. Hoops' appearance/presentation before the senate and how this session could be modified in the future.

7. The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm. (Johnson/Ehlen)

Respectfully submitted by Kevin Valadares, Senate Secretary