

# **FACULTY SENATE**

## **Meeting #7 Agenda**

**February 7, 2001**

**7:45 A.M.**

**University Center, Room 206**

### **Announcements**

**Report from President Hoops – Richard Schmidt**

**Report from Vice President Reid**

**Approval of minutes from meeting #6**

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

- **Assessment Committee Report**
- **Budget Plan**
- **Program Chairs, Selection and Term**
- **Student Evaluations**

### **Adjournment**

University of Southern Indiana  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
Session: #7  
Room: University Center, Room 206  
Date: February 7, 2001

Approved

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

Guest: P. Kuban

1. Call to Order: 7:45 am
2. Announcements  
Mark Krahling, Faculty Senate Chair, made the following announcements.
  - a) The schedule for the budget hearings was e-mailed to all Senate members. All members of Faculty Senate should try to attend each session.
  - b) The spring university faculty meeting has been confirmed for Thursday, April 19, 2001 from 3 to 4:30 pm in Carter Hall.
  - c) A presentation on intellectual property and distance education courses has been scheduled for Thursday, February 8 in Mitchell Auditorium.
  - d) The 2001 Faculty Nominating Committee will be soliciting applications for the faculty position on the Commission for Higher Education for the 2001-03 term. An e-mail message will be sent out to all USI faculty.
  - e) The final draft of the Technology Committee report including recommendations will be submitted in the next two weeks.
3. Report from Dr. Hoops
  - a) Status of computer network – while the university continues to face problems with the network, there has been improvement noted. Dr. Hoops noted that the problems experienced by USI are not unique and are universal problems similar to many universities and companies.
  - b) The Fitness Center is close to being completed with a possible March opening.
  - c) Dr. Hoops stated that the budgeting process is continuing with no sign of movement on the governor's proposed budget. There is some movement on the revenue producing side of the budget with discussion of three bills including a bill to increase the cigarette tax, the dockside gaming bill, and a bill to increase gas tax.
  - d) The report College Affordability: Overlooked Long-Term Trends and Recent 50 State Patterns listed Indiana as one of the four lowest states when rating higher education. Indiana is below the surrounding states including Kentucky. With this rating, may see legislative mandates and directives to improve higher education in the state.
4. Report from Dr. Reid.
  - a) Dr. Reid directed Senate members to further information about the higher education report as found in Senate minutes #6.

5. Minutes from meeting #6: Approved as distributed (Kocakulah, Rinks)
6. Old Business – none
7. New Business
  - a) Report from Assessment Committee – P. Kuban presented the Assessment Committee's interim report. Dr. Reid reminded the Senate that the NCA focus of assessment is on student outcomes. Implementing program review and evaluation of distance education has broadened the scope of assessment at USI. However assessment of student outcomes is included in both the program review and distance education evaluation process. Motion to accept the report was approved (Shields, Baker).
  - b) Budget Preparation for Faculty Senate – initial discussions were held to prepare a Faculty Senate budget presentation. Members felt additional information was necessary prior to final decisions on items and prioritization of items to be included in the Senate presentation. Senate members requested a copy of the Technology Committee report, Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee report, the Library requests for this year, media and distance education requests for this year, and Senate budget requests for last year. Mark Krahling and Mary Ann McCulloch will compile this information and distribute to Senate members prior to next Senate meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 am. (Kocakulah, Edwards)

Respectfully submitted,

Ann White, Secretary