

University of Southern Indiana
Faculty Senate Minutes
Session: 4
Room: UC 206
Date: October 13, 2006

Members Present: C. Baker (Chair), R. Butterfield (for B. Hooper), M. Dixon, P. Doss, M. Hamington, R. Hoebeke, J. Kempf, C. Lai (for P. Cashel-Cordo), B. Long, M. Opatrny (for B. Boostrom), M. Shaw, B. Wilding

Members Absent: L. Bennett, ex-officio

1. Call to order at 7:40 A.M.

2. Announcements from the Chair:

- A) David L. Rice Library Policy on Children in the Library
 - 1. C. Baker spoke with Ruth Miller and invited her to attend the next Faculty Senate meeting to answer questions about the library policy.
- B) Seating for those with disabilities at graduation
 - 1. C. Baker invited Sherriane Standley to attend the next Faculty Senate meeting to discuss issues and proposals re: handicapped/disabled persons seating options for commencement.
- C) Request for amendment to today's agenda:
 - i. C. Baker requested approval to allow Dr. Bennett to give the Provost's report at today's senate meeting.
 - ii. Unanimous agreement by consensus to amend the agenda.

3. Announcements from Provost Linda Bennett:

- A) Dr. Bennett expressed appreciation to Faculty Senate for their participation in the Higher Learning Commission accreditation visit.
- B) Follow-up on a Faculty Senate recommendation from last year: ADA Coordinator
 - 1. Progress is being made/search is in process for an ADA Coordinator position.
 - 2. The ADA Coordinator position was posted last week (see ad on website).
 - 3. Dr. Bennett will keep us informed of progress. The position will report directly to the Director of Human Resources.
- C) Follow-up on another Faculty Senate recommendation from last year: budget line
 - 1. A budget line of \$1,100.00 through Academic Affairs for Faculty Senate has been implemented.
 - 2. S. Seib provides support for Faculty Senate by posting minutes to the web page and scheduling rooms.
- D) Progress on planning the new College of Business building
 - 1. Planning meetings were held with architects (Hafer/HOK) this past month. Preliminary designs are underway.

2. USI's capital budget request to the state has the \$29 million for building cost as a first priority in its 2007-2009 capital funding request. If funded by the legislature, a likely completion date is projected sometime in 2008-2009.
3. Operating and capital budget requests are available via the USI website links.

- E) Search for a new Dean of Education and Human Services is underway. Dr. Edward Jones is chair of the search committee. The ad for the position will be posted next week.
- F) Search for a new Vice President of Advancement is well underway, and candidates for campus interviews are being identified. Sherry Darrell from the Department of English and Christy Baker from the Department of Social Work are the faculty representatives on the committee. It is hoped the position will be filled by January 2007.
- G) Forms and guidelines to nominate new and part-time faculty for outstanding teaching are available through the "faculty awards" link on the Academic Affairs webpage at <http://www.usi.edu/acaffrs/FacultyAwards.asp>
- H) The President is creating a task force on workforce and economic development.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the September 29, 2006 Faculty Senate meeting were reviewed and approved with corrections/changes (M. Hamington/M. Shaw). Unanimous.

5. New Business: New Charges for 2006-2007 Academic Year

Please see the attached Faculty Senate Charges spreadsheet for charges and decisions.

The meeting adjourned 9:00 a.m. Next meeting on October 20th as previously scheduled.

Respectfully submitted by Roberta Hoebeke, Senate Secretary