

**Faculty Senate Agenda
Friday, April 13, 2012
2:00-4:00 pm Quiet Lounge**

Meeting secretary: Dr. Brandon Field

Minutes from Faculty Senate meeting March 23, 2012.

Update from Dr. Ron Rochon, Provost.

Update from Dr. Kent Scheller on Commission for Higher Education.

Report from Dr. Steven Williams, Acting Faculty Senate Chair

Old Business

1. Faculty Senate governance language
2. Standing Committee governance structure - final approval
3. Deliberation of Core Curriculum Review Task Force report

New Business

1. Honorary Degree Committee membership

Next meeting: Friday, April 20, 2012 2:00-4:00 LA Conference Room

Faculty Senate Meeting
April 13, 2012

Present:

Cindy DeLoney-Marino, Ethel Elkins (acting secretary), Brandon Field, Jennifer Williams, Brian Posler, Ron Rochon, Wayne Rinks, Stephen Zehr, Maria Shirey, Kent Scheller, Daria Sevastianova and Steve Williams (interim chair).

Dane Partridge and Michael Dixon were present to answer questions on the proposed CORE Curriculum.

Guests included Stephen Spencer, Mark Krahling, Katherine Peak, Marilyn Ostendorf, Mary Lyn Stoll, Paul Parkinson and Joe Wingo.

Call to Order:

Interim Chair Steve Williams called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

Approval of the Minutes:

Kent Scheller made a motion to approve the edited Faculty Senate minutes from the February 10, 2012 meeting. Wayne Rinks seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Update from the Provost:

Dr. Rochon reported that Ann White has been named the Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions. Other searches are continuing with candidates coming to campus next week.

He anticipates that a Director for the Library will be named within the next week or so.

There is work to be done as the 120 hour rule is passes. Brian noted that we will work with other programs around the state to determine which programs need more than a 120 curriculum. Shortly we will need to begin to identify these programs.

Mark Krahling is our representative on the steering committee as Indiana is looking to become a LEAP state. We will begin to look at outcomes/selection of courses.

Update from the Commission on Higher Education:

The Commission does not meet in April due to the Weldon Conference which will be on 4-16. Several representatives from USI will attend the upcoming Weldon Conference. Kent noted that Indiana's undergraduate programs are "under attack" and that we must remain diligent in justifying what we do. One section of the conference will divide faculty into groups to have discussion on the 120 hour degree and the universal CORE.

Report from Faculty Senate Chair:

Steve still needs a volunteer to help with the language for the structure of the Faculty Senate. Brandon will help with finalizing that. It is anticipated that we will have to have an additional election in the fall to finish out the change in structure.

There is a final report from the Promotion and Tenure committee. The report was passed around the table for senators to review. It is recommended that each college have one representative on this committee with two at-large members. There was discussion that the report should be clarified to read that the two at-large members will be full professors.

Stephen Z. moved and Brandon seconded that we accept the report as amended to read that the two at-large members be at the rank of full professor. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee structure is now set and Steve will notify the Deans so that elections can be held as needed.

New Business:

There is a need for an Honorary Degree Committee (HDC). Dr. Rochon wants faculty input on this committee. It was moved by Kent and seconded by Jennifer that we accept the recommendation to develop this committee.

After discussion it was agreed that the Senate will send out a call for nominations from full professors with a brief statement of their interest. The Senate will select 2 for the HDC and forward those names to Dr. Rochon. Dr. Rochon plans to meet with this committee over the summer. The motion carried unanimously. Steve will send out a call for nominations.

Old Business:

As we began once again to deliberate the proposed new CORE Curriculum, Dr. Rochon noted that as a campus, we will have to work on implementation – that it can't be rushed. He mentioned that feedback from the Registrar's office indicated that the Fall 2013 date is “almost impossible” for them to consider.

It was clarified by Steve that the Senate is looking at the concept of the CORE, not the specifics. That is not our role. How to's are not under the domain of this body.

We then picked up where we left off at the previous meeting – looking at the “cone” in a step by step process. Note that there was thorough and lengthy discussion on each topic as the process moved along.

Stephen Z. expressed concerns about the term “Social Inquiry” as compared to “Social Science” feeling that the wording should mirror “Natural Science.” There was much discussion and clarification provided by members of the Task Force who were present. Wayne then made a motion, seconded by Stephen, that in the BS requirements, the wording be changed to read “Social Science.” The motion passed unanimously

A second motion was made by Wayne and seconded by Brandon that the wording be changed to “Social Science” in the Ways of Knowing area as well. This motion too passed unanimously.

Stephen Z. then made a motion which was seconded by Wayne that in the Ways of Knowing, the requirement for the categories be amended to state that all courses need to be outside of the major discipline. There was much discussion after which a vote was taken: For: 4, Against 6.

This motion was defeated. The details within the Ways of Knowing will stay as recommended by the Core Curriculum Task Force. It was then moved by Brandon and seconded by Wayne that with the exception of the verbiage changes as noted above, that we approve the “red” boxes (triangles) for the BA/BS programs be accepted. Again there was some discussion. The vote was taken with 7 in favor, 2 opposed and one abstention. This motion passed.

Stephen Zehr asked to table discussion about the precise wording of the Category Goals for the social science category of the BS degree.

Steve asked the Senate to do due diligence on the remaining portion of the proposal prior to the next meeting which is scheduled for Friday, April 20 at 2:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Wayne and seconded by Kent.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.