Faculty Senate
Agenda
Friday, February 13, 2009
HP 2027

Minutes from January 23 meeting

Report from Dr. Linda Bennett, Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs

New Business

1. Speaker: Michael Patzer – Environmental Cost-Benefit Analysis for the University's computer system
2. College elections for Faculty Senate Committees

Old Business

1. Medical Withdrawal Process
2. Library Representation
3. Senate Listserve – Procedures – Lesa Cagle

Announcements – Lesa Cagle Faculty Senate Chair

- April 20 is the spring all faculty meeting – Mitchell Auditorum

Next Meeting – March 6th 2009; 3:00 pm; HP 2027

Faculty Senate Minutes: 2-13-09

Meeting Began 3:00p

Attendance: Peter Cashel-Cordo, Marlene Shaw, Chad Tew, Marie Opatrny , Kent Scheller, Brian Posler (Assistant University Provost), Sudesh Mujumdar, Dr. Linda Bennett (University Provost and President-Elect), Lesa Cagle (Faculty Senate Chair), Vella Goebel, Peggy Shields, Mellisa Hall (recording secretary), Bob Hooper.

Old Business:
Minutes 1-23-09 approved with revisions.

Announcements –
Formal congratulations to Dr. Bennett on her appointment as the 3rd President of USI!!

Dr. Bennett: Provost's search process will soon begin. Dr. Bennett has asked Mark Rozewski to chair the search. Goal to organize process prior to spring break.

No Provost Report received.

New Business:

Topic	Discussion	Decision
University Enrollment	Number ahead on applications to university as well as student housing! Spring numbers along with student hours count up. Degrees granted changes at state level will change cash flow availability.	Positive: Increase in the number of Pell Grants to Economy Stimulus Package All future grants through IVY Tech system.
Same Sex Partner Benefits	Board of Trustees member, John Dunn told C. Tew (Faculty Senator) he would place item back on agenda for discussion this year.	
Michael Patzer Presentation	Student presentation on Environmental Savings. Presentation on cost savings to turning off campus computers at night. Letter read by P. Cashel-Cordo in support of student's proposed changes.	Dr. Bennett, M. Rozewski, and Michael Patzer to meet and discuss moving forward with changes. Faculty Senate supports changes.
Colleges to submit names for Faculty Senate representatives and members at-large	Deadline by March 30th.	Dr. Bennett will remind Deans of deadline.

OLD BUSINESS		
Medical Withdrawal Process	Medical withdrawal now completed on the recommendation of the student's physician. Note: an appeal process is in place if withdrawal is not accepted and student wants to appeal the decision. The same process applies to all students, including those under ADA. Recommendation to develop a policy for medical withdrawals. New policy should be approved by university's legal counsel. Questions: Time limit to withdrawal for a medical reason. Faculty involvement in medical withdrawal process. All grades for the semester or only selected withdrawal. Registrar's office continued input.	Motion to send charge to Sub-Committee of Faculty Senate to develop policy for Medical Withdrawal Process. (Kent Sheller). S. Mujumdar seconded. Sub Committee volunteers: Peggy Shields Kent Scheller Chad Tew Lisa Cagle Brian Posler Subcommittee to meet before March Faculty Senate meeting.
Library Representation to Faculty Senate	No formal proposal received.	C. Tew to submit proposal next meeting in cooperation with Ruth Miller from library.
Faculty Educational Opportunities	Audio Conference topic: Assessments Audio Conference topic: Developing Honor Codes	L. Cagle, Faculty Chair, to email information regarding Assessment audio conference. Registration will occur through Extended Services.
Faculty Senate Budget Presentation: February, 2009	2008: Faculty Compensation – priority Orr Center Committee for Environmental Stewardship	Felt budget was well-received. President did not request anything be removed. L. Cagle to email budget presentation to all senate members.
Budget Hearing	Senators expressed concern that there was not a notice sent to faculty of colleges' budget hearing schedule.	Dr. Bennett reassured budget hearing dates will be made more visible in future.

Spring Faculty Meeting: April 20th in Mitchell Auditorium.

Meeting adjourned (motion R. Hooper, seconded S. Mujumdar) at 4:30p. Next scheduled meeting: March 6, 2009.