

Faculty Senate
Friday, March 3, 2006
7:30-9:00 A. M.
206 UC
Coffee and donuts

Announcements

Budget Presentation
Scantron Visit
Board of Trustees Meeting

Report from Dr. Linda Bennett, Provost

Minutes

February 3, 2006 (attached)

Old Business

Discussion and vote regarding grading systems
Inactive Class Drop Policy Directive – Curriculum Committee Chair
Academic Honesty Software
SGA Election – sign up sheet
Wellness and Fitness Committee – faculty nominees

New Business

Administrative Withdrawal Policy (attached)

Adjournment

University of Southern Indiana
Faculty Senate Minutes
Session: 10
Room: UC 214
Date: March 3, 2006

Members Present: B. Boostrom, L. Cagle (for P. Doss), P. Cashel-Cordo, M. Dixon, B. Hooper, J. Kempf (for L. Howard), M. Krahling, L. Nunn, M. Shaw, J. Thomas, B. Wilding, L. Bennett, ex-officio

Members Absent: P. Doss, R. Hoebeke, L. Howard, I. Phillips

Guests: J. Johansen

1. Call to order at 7:35 A.M.

2. Announcements from the Chair:

A) Senate Budget Hearing

1. The Faculty Senate budget priorities were presented at the public budget hearing on February 20th. Dr. Cashel-Cordo commented that President Hoops endorsed the recommendations from the Faculty Senate.

B) SET

1. ScantronTM recently conducted two online meetings with interested faculty. The results of a faculty poll after the meeting were generally in favor of adopting the Scantron software. Less than 10% of faculty opposed adopting the software.
2. The SET committee or a subcommittee of the SET committee will begin writing questions for the new instrument.
3. The SET committee will meet again on the Tuesday following spring break.

C) USI Board of Trustees

1. Dr. Cashel-Cordo presented an update of the Faculty Senate activities at the March 2nd meeting of the USI Board of Trustees. The report included the following:
 - a. Update on the promotion of effective teaching workshops
 - b. Update on the work of the SET committee
 - c. A short presentation on the Faculty Senate budget priorities

D) Dr. Peggy Harrel will attend the next Faculty Senate meeting to discuss the new university policy on Grants & Proposals.

3. Announcements from Provost Linda Bennett:

A) Academic Affairs Budget Hearing

1. Provost Bennett summarized the budget priorities from Academic Affairs and will make a copy of her presentation to members of the Faculty Senate. Budget priorities included.
 - a. Increase number of full time faculty

- b. Onetime items
- c. Conversion of part time positions to full time positions
- d. Assistant Professors for Nursing & Business
- e. Faculty Senate Budget Line
- f. ADA officer

2. SGA recently hosted a town hall meeting attended by Dr. Bennett, the Deans and 30 – 40 students. There was discussion of the proposed grading policy and attendance policy.
3. A resolution awarding promotion and tenure to several USI faculty was approved at the March 2nd meeting of the USI Board of Trustees. Dr. Bennett also informed the board of other policy changes resulting from the implementation of the Banner software platform. These changes include canceling early registration for student workers.
4. A draft of the self study report for the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) should be complete and available for leisure reading soon after spring break. A site visit is scheduled for September 25 – 27.
5. The Task Force on Retention and Enrollment Management is planning two open campus assemblies immediately following spring break. These ‘conversations’ will provide all faculty the opportunity to discuss how to foster a campus culture that will improve student retention. These conversations will focus on academic expectations, student/campus life and the shared sense of mission embraced by students, staff and faculty.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the February 3rd meeting were approved. (Boostrom/Nunn)

5. Old Business

- A) A resolution to adopt the following policy on dropping inactive course was approved. (Nunn/Shaw)

FROM: University Curriculum Committee, 2005-2006

SUBJECT: Inactive Class Drop Policy

We recommend that you publish a list yearly to both the Deans and College Department chairs showing classes that have not been taught for three years with a notification that the classes will be dropped from active status if the department chairs agree. Their disagreement is signaled by their return message requesting that you keep a course (s) in active status although they have not been taught for three years.

We recommend that you send the lists in the spring, April perhaps, to warn department chairs of the action to be taken in October, and that you send the lists in mid-September before dropping the classes from active status.

We also recommend that you personalize these memos by coordinating with the Provost's administrative assistant rather than addressing the deans and department chairs with a generic address.

B) Dr. Johansen suggested that the Curriculum Committee or the Faculty Senate investigate and specify what constitutes major and minor curriculum changes.

6. New Business

A) After considerable discussion, a resolution to adopt the following grading policy was approved: (Krahling/Wilding)

A	4.00
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.00
B-	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.00
C-	1.67
D+	1.33
D	1.00
D-	0.67

7. The meeting adjourned 9:00 a.m. Next meeting April 7th, 7:30 in UC206.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Krahling, Acting Senate Secretary