

FACULTY SENATE
MEETING #4

To: All Faculty
From: Connie Cooper
Date: November 13, 1998
Subject: Faculty Senate Meeting #4

Friday November 20, 1998
HP 2027
3:00 - 5:00

AGENDA
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1. Approval of Minutes from Meeting #3
2. Report from President Hoops
3. Report from Vice President Reid
4. New Business
 - a. Citizens Bank
 - b. Richard Schmidt and Cindy Brinker: University Budget
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Economic Benefits Committee
 - b. Faculty Academic Affairs Committee
6. Old Business
7. Suggested items for 1998-1999 Senate Agenda
8. Announcements
9. Adjournment

Members Present: C. Cooper, Chair, Christy Baker (For J. Meyer), H. Braysmith, L. Goss, R. Hooper, M. Krahling, M. Kocakulah, B. Long, L. Matheson, R. Reid (ex-officio), W. Rinks, P. Shields

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. The minutes of Meeting #3 (1998-1999) were approved.
3. **Report from President Hoops**
 - a. None
4. **Report from Vice President Reid**
 - a. Dr. Reid explained that Dr. Hoops was unable to attend and that Dr. Hoops had met individually with each of the schools in the university. He thanked those who participated in Assessment Day and commented that 1680 freshman and juniors participated in the testing. The testing included major field tests in 9 disciplines. He reported that the current pre-registration was up 2.4% according to John Deem, the Registrar.
5. **New Business**
 - a. Carol Fountain of Citizens Bank gave a brief description of the services available from Citizens Bank to USI employees.
 - b. Peggy Harrel distributed a Graduate Programs booklet that describes the graduate programs at USI. She also distributed a policy approved by the Graduate Council on graduate faculty status entitled "Duties and Responsibilities of the Graduate Faculty and Graduate Council."
 - c. Richard Schmidt and Cindy Brinker gave a presentation on the 1999-2001 University Budget Request. They commented on the following points:
 - i) After the recent elections, the Indiana House is controlled by the Democrats and the Senate is controlled by the Republicans.
 - ii) We meet the expectations of the Legislature through our relationships with New Harmony, Young Abe Lincoln Theater, the downtown learning center and our agreements with Ivy Tech and Vincennes University
 - iii) We would like to raise fees enough to offer additional services and close the gap with other Indiana universities.
 - iv) We have been requesting a 3-4% budget increase to meet our basic needs. We have also been requesting that the funding formula be modified. We are asking for funding for the operations of the Liberal Arts Building.

- v) We have several quality improvement initiatives that involve technology and technology support.
 - vi) To aid in our retention efforts, we are seeking funding for training faculty to use technology in the classroom.
 - vii) We are seeking funding for a new Science and Education building that will cost \$21,600,000.
 - viii) Faculty Senate members raised several questions on specific issues concerning the budget. Discussion items included a new e-mail system, the fitness center, the travel budget, faculty development funds and the adequacy of certain class offerings.
- d. C. Cooper reported on the Faculty Leadership Conference she attended with L. Matheson and W. Rinks.
- e. Bill Wilding presented the findings of an Economic Benefits Committee survey on Summer faculty compensation. The survey indicated that currently faculty are teaching approximately the number of hours that they desire to teach in the Summer and that faculty consider compensation an important factor in deciding whether to teach during the Summer. A discussion occurred concerning these findings.

6. **Old Business**

- a. None

7. **Announcements**

- a. Barbara Cambridge of the American Association of Higher Education will speak on the topic of assessment at the Spring University Faculty meeting.
- b. The next Faculty Senate meeting is December 11, 1998 in HP 2027.

8. **Adjournment**

- a. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Long, Secretary