

FACULTY SENATE
MEETING # 6

To: All Faculty
From: Timothy Schibik
Date: 3 January 1997
Subject: Faculty Senate Meeting #6

Thursday, 16 January 1997
HP2027
7:30 - 8:45 am

AGENDA
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1. Approval of Minutes from Meeting #4
2. Report from President Hoops
3. Report from Vice President Reid
4. Old Business

Review of Promotion Policies and Procedures

5. New Business

Information on University Core Curriculum Assessment
Honors Program Issues

6. Announcements
7. Adjournment

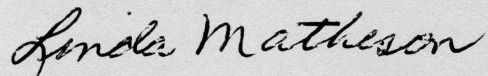
Member Present: T. Schibik, Chair, C. Cooper, S. Gooden, L. Goss, C. Harison, R. Hartl, R. Hayashi, S. Hoeness-Krupsaw, H. R. Hoops (ex-officio), M. Krahling, L. Matheson, R. Reid (ex-officio), P. Toy

Guests Present: P. Cashel-Cordo, J. Gottcent, C. Serbus

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 a.m. by Chairman T. Schibik.
2. The minutes of Session 4 were approved as amended.
3. **Report from President Hoops**
 - A. Enrollment numbers have increased for the fall, 1996, semester and there was an improved fall semester to spring semester retention rate. The number of conditionally admitted students decreased and there is an overall increase in SAT scores.
 - B. The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is recommending to the Indiana Legislature that funding to institutions be based in part on graduation and retention rates and that 21st Century Scholars receive an award in the sophomore year.
 - C. The beginning of the legislative session has been very positive for USI. There has been excellent response from state legislators.
 1. The \$800,000 requested for infrastructure maintenance is included in the budget proposal from the Budget Committee.
 2. A special \$1,400,000 one time increase in base funding for USI is included in the budget proposal.
 3. USI legislative liaison is laying the groundwork for approval of the next classroom building request.
 - D. The following University Committees and Task Forces were recognized for their service:
 1. Honors Program Committee
 2. International Student Recruitment Committee
 3. Retention Task Force
 4. Volunteerism Committee
 5. Lilly Retention Grant Task Force
4. **Report from Vice President Reid**
 - A. John Gottcent was recognized for his quality service as the faculty representative to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.
 - B. The SAT scores of incoming students have continued to improve even with consideration for the recentering of the examination. Assessment scores have also improved when compared to the norm groups for comparable institutions.
5. **Old Business**
 - A. The previous work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Promotion, Chaired by R. Hartl, from December, 1991, and the annual report from the Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee of April, 1992, were reviewed. The Faculty Senate accepted the FAAC report on May 1, 1992, and it was determined that the recommendation that "each School within the University should be directed to develop, and distribute to its faculty, a written document which describes School expectations, relevant to its specific fields and disciplines, for meeting the promotion criteria established by USI's *Faculty Handbook*" was forwarded to the Schools to implement.

1. It was determined that these procedures are being produced and distributed to faculty in the Schools.
 2. L. Goss moved and B. Hartl seconded to affirm the statement in the FAAC report and to request that each School should then forward the written criteria to the University Promotion Committee through the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at the start of the fall, 1997, academic year and every year thereafter. Motion carried.
6. **New Business**
- A. Information on the University Core Curriculum Assessment plan is postponed until the next meeting. Any questions or concerns should be forwarded to J. Gottcent.
 - B. Issues concerning the proposed Honors Program were postponed until the next meeting.
7. **Announcements**
- A. The next meeting will be held February 6, at 7:30 a.m. in HP 2027.
8. **Adjournment**
- A. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Matheson, Secretary