

FACULTY SENATE

Meeting #6 Agenda

January 24, 2001

7:45 A.M.

University Center, Room 206

Announcements

Report from President Hoops

Report from Vice President Reid

Approval of minutes from meeting ~~#4~~^{#5}

Old Business

New Business

- Assessment Committee Report
- Economic Benefits Committee Report
- Instructional Technology Presentation
- Program Chairs, Selection and Term
- Student Evaluations

Adjournment

University of Southern Indiana
Faculty Senate Minutes
Session: #6
Room: University Center, Room 206
Date: January 24, 2001

Approved

Members Present: M. Aakhus, C. Baker, H. Edwards, P. Frazer, M. Krahling, M. Kocakulah, R.L. Reid (ex-officio), T. Pickett, W. Rinks, P. Shields, A. White, B. Wilding

Guests: K. Bonnell, E. Jermakowicz, and R. Schmidt

1. Call to Order: 7:45 am
2. Announcements
Mark Krahling, Faculty Senate Chair, made the following announcements.
 - a. The remaining Faculty Senate meetings will be held in UC Room 206 except for March 14. UC Room 214 will be used on March 14.
 - b. The Spring University Faculty meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 19 in Carter Hall. Retirees will also be recognized as a part of this meeting.
 - c. The Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee was to have a report to Senate by this date. The chair reported the committee is working and will have the report completed by next meeting.
 - d. After conversations with Dr. C. Harrington, Mark reported that the University has been approached about beginning an ROTC program. There are benefits for students with ROTC providing financial support for students in the program. Further discussion is required prior to beginning the university approval process.
 - e. M. Krahling will represent USI on the Faculty Nominating Committee for the Commission on Higher Education.
 - f. University budget hearings will be held during the next 8 weeks. Faculty Senate members were encouraged to attend all meetings and were asked to encourage faculty to also attend the meetings.
 - g. Mark reminded Senate members to encourage nominations of a faculty person for the H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award. This award will be presented to a full-time or part-time faculty person who has demonstrated teaching excellence in university core curriculum courses.
 - h. Mark reported that during a Board of Trustees in Indianapolis alumni were present who thanked the USI faculty for successfully preparing them for a career.
3. Report from Dr. Hoops – R. Schmidt reported on the status of the budget proceedings at the state level. The financial status of the state is no longer positive due to the decreased revenue from the gas tax and tax cuts. Mr. Schmidt distributed two handouts that reflected the budget request submitted by USI, the recommended budgets by the Commission and the State Budget Agency. The House Ways and Means Committee is still considering the budgets.

4. Report from Dr. Reid.
 - a. The Board of Trustees approved the undergraduate engineering degree.
 - b. The Commission on Higher Education approved the Master of Health Administration program and are still considering the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy and Bachelor of Science in Engineering programs.
 - c. Dr. Reid reported on a study looking at higher education in each state. Indiana is near the bottom of the list when assessing affordability and productivity of higher education state-by-state. Copies may be found in Dr. Reid's office. The report College Affordability: Overlooked Long-Term Trends and Recent 50 State Patterns by Jerry Davis for the USA Group Foundation, also clearly documents higher earning power if a student completes a baccalaureate degree.
 - d. Spring 2001 enrollment increased by 2.4% and the Fall 2000 enrollment increased 3.6% when compared to enrollments of the previous year.
 - e. Monthly report on capital projects is available. It appears that the Fitness Center is ahead of schedule and may open in March 2001.
5. Minutes from meeting #5: Approved as distributed (Edwards, Rinks).
6. Old Business - none
7. New Business
 - a. Interim report from Economic Benefits Committee – Dr. Jermakowicz presented the report from Economic Benefits. Faculty Senate commended the committee members for the data compiled and the concise documents reporting the results and recommendations. Motion to accept the interim report was approved (Rinks, Kocakulah).
 - b. Instructional Technology Presentation by Dr. K. Bonnell reported on the status of implementing Blackboard software for distance education courses. USI has used Blackboard for 3 ½ years. This past year USI acquired a site license for Blackboard. Presently there are 153 courses using Blackboard involving over 3000 students and 62 faculty members. A handout on Blackboard was also distributed to Senate members. Classes on this software have been established on February 2 and March 16. Senate members using this software were pleased with the ease of use and the advantage of using copyrighted material. Because Blackboard is considered a closed system, faculty members have more flexibility in using copyrighted material in courses.
 - c. The Assessment Committee report, Program Chairs and Student Evaluations will be deferred and placed on the next month Senate agenda.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am. (Shields, Edwards)

Respectfully submitted,

Ann White, Secretary