

Memorandum

To: All faculty
From: David W. Kinsey
Date: March 4, 1992
Subject: Faculty Senate Meeting # 8

The Faculty Senate will meet at 3 p.m., Friday, March 20, 1992 in UC-308

AGENDA

FACULTY SENATE

Session 8

1. Approval of minutes from session 7.
2. Report from President Rice.
3. Report from Vice President Reid.
4. Student & Academic Affairs report on Drop-Add findings-J. Bandoli.
5. Faculty & Academic Affairs -S. Cox.
 - a. Liability insurance update.
 - b. Preliminary report on PURDUE Cafeteria.
6. Old business.
7. New business.
8. Announcements.
9. Adjournment.

approved

University of Southern Indiana
Faculty Senate Minutes
Session 8
March 20, 1992

Members Present: D. Kinsey, Chairman; Professors Aakhus, Bertram, Boyd, Denner, Elpers, Ford, Hemaida, Melander, Shaw, Shields, Waters.

Guests Present: S. Cox, S. Singer, J. Bandoli.

Ex Officio Members Present: President Rice, Vice President Reid.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Dr. Kinsey.
2. The minutes of session #7 were approved as amended.
3. Report From President Rice and Vice President Reid: Dr. Rice reported that the Sunset Commission will have members on this campus during the coming week. Any members of the senate are invited from 1:30-2:30 on Tuesday, March 24 to AD-101 to participate in this review. The Budget Committee will then meet on April 15.

Dr. Reid announced that the Enlow Distinguished Scholar Anthony Jones will be on campus March 26-27; also that Abbott Charles Gerome will speak on March 30 at 7:00 in FA III and Alan Nolan will provide a lecture on Robert E. Lee on April 9 at 7:30 in FA II.

4. Report from the Student and Academic Affairs Committee: The report was presented by J. Bandoli on the current policies of the university with respect to Drop-Add procedures. It was concluded that there was no significant abuse of current procedures and the "exceptional circumstances" provision seems to work well enough for faculty and individual departments. They recommended that no changes be made in the current policy but that the requirement of "exceptional circumstances" be adhered to by all parties for class additions beyond the first week.

It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted. The vote was unanimous.

5. Reports from the Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee: Steve Cox presented the report on liability insurance coverage and a preliminary report on the university's Cafeteria System of Course Evaluations.

With respect to liability insurance coverage it was reported that in cases where faculty were being sued that it was the responsibility of the University's Board of Trustees to indemnify that faculty member. This decision of the Board of Trustees to indemnify would be based on a case by case basis. This would be decided on the nature of the litigation brought against the faculty member and the coverage provided by the university policy. The insurance policy seems most likely to provide coverage in areas where the litigation is directly related to teaching. The area that seemed clouded was community service and research. The question was then raised with respect to promotion and tenure that we should place the emphasis we do on community service.

The health professions area has dealt with this gap in the policy by encouraging its faculty to purchase their own liability insurance and compare it to the type of coverage that doctors carry for malpractice. It was pointed out that most homeowners policies carry a liability clause. Some members of the faculty senate suggested that all members of the faculty should check to see if they have the coverage and if they are not happy with the dollar amount on the coverage, to increase it with

a rider for extra coverage.

With respect to the preliminary report on the university's Cafeteria System of Course Evaluations, it was pointed out that we might be able to do this procedure in house. The programs that resulted from the Purdue System were funded by the Lilly Foundation and are supposed to be provided free to all academic institutions in the state.

They also suggested several changes in the instrument which met with mixed response. It was mentioned that any change in the instrument should not alter the 16 years commitment to collect data on the effectiveness of teaching. Some members felt that this was not the charge that the faculty senate had given the Faculty and Academic Affairs committee. They felt that they should focus not necessarily on changing the instrument but on how the administration should use this instrument with respect to other measures of faculty evaluations. The final report will be forthcoming at a later date.

6. With respect to old business it was mentioned that this coming week is Honors Week and all the respective schools would be presenting programs for recognition of their outstanding students.
7. It was announced that the university needed two representatives with 10 years or more of service to attend a meeting of the State Commission on Higher Education Friday, April 3 at IUPUI between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. Dr. Denner and Dr. Shaw volunteered their services to take part in these meetings.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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