

# Faculty Senate

## Agenda

Friday, April 23, 2004

UC 206

### Introductions

Proposal for Nutrition and Dietetics Undergraduate Degree, Julie McCullough, MS, RD

Report from Dr. Linda Bennett, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Report from C. Christy Baker, Faculty Senate Chair

Approval of Minutes Faculty Senate Meeting # 11 (March 26, 2004) – Tabled from April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### Old Business

Economic Benefits Report

### New Business

### Other

University of Southern Indiana  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
Session #14  
Room: UC206  
Date: April 23, 2004

Approved

Members Present: C. Baker, J. Bandoli, L. Bennett, ex-officio, P. Cashel-Cordo, D. Cousert (in lieu of J. Davis-Brezette), P. Doss, C. Ehlen, M. Graham, K. Rodgers, S. Sullivan, K. Valadares.

M. McCullough, Sr. Administrative Associate for Academic Affairs

Members Absent: J. Davis-Brezette, H. Ray Hoops, ex-officio; B. Johnson, G. May

Guests: Sudesh Mujumdar, Marc Razor

1. Call to order at 3:00 P.M.

2. Julie McCullough from the School of Nursing & Health Professions presented information on the proposed Nutrition & Dietetics major. There was a discussion of student enrollment projections and pre-requisite requirements.

3. Report from Provost, Dr. Linda Bennett:

a) A clarification was provided based on a comment made at the last meeting. Students are not coached in terms of asking specific questions during the annual Breakfast with President event. Furthermore, the President does not receive the students' questions ahead of time. S. Sullivan mentioned that a few students were upset at his letter in the Shield and these students denied that coaching occurs.

b) Commencement: Faculty are urged to contact Special events about signing up for commencement.

c) The combined meeting to the BETA work group and the Student Evaluation of Teaching committee: A meeting of both groups occurred with C. Baker & K. Valadares invited to attend. The following issues (among others) were raised at the combined meeting: Is BETA the best product for our needs at USI? Since USI will not be using the Purdue Cafeteria system in the near future, is this a chance to alter the culture of assessment?

General Questions for the Provost:

- Will evaluations of the Deans be occurring this academic year?
  - Yes and they will be forthcoming. The Provost's office has not altered the evaluation tool this year.
- Will the original evaluations be shared with the Deans? They have been in certain past occurrences.
  - No they will not be shared.
  - The School of Science & Engineering has completed evaluations of dept. chairs through an anonymous online platform.



4. Report from Senate Chair, C. Baker:

a) P. Doss, C. Baker and Hillary Braysmith are all members of the HLC's Mission & Integrity sub-committee. The sub-committee is interested in receiving faculty input concerning the integration of University's mission into the departmental operations. P. Doss stated that the sub-committee's agenda was originally set throughout the summer months when faculty would be unable to express their comments. The schedule has since been altered. He furthermore suggested that Faculty should participate in voicing their opinions about USI's Mission/Identity.

5. Minutes from March 26, 2004 (Session #11) were tabled until the next meeting.

6. Old Business

a) Economic Benefits Report: David Cousert and Sudesh Mujumdar from the EBC presented a summary of the report. Errors and omissions were noted for correction. Overall, the Senate felt that the report was extremely well researched and the data are beneficial. Some questions arose:

(1) What should occur with this information?

(2) Should the Senate make a motion that the Provost's office follow up with the report's recommendations?

(3) Based on the data gathered from the report, is it foreseeable that faculty (who have been here for a while) will ever be rewarded financially for their progress and merit?

- Compression of salaries is very challenging to deal with. The Provost's office will begin looking at these issues.

A motion was made and unanimously passed: The Senate accepts the EBC's report with the noted corrections and additions.

7. Marc Razor, Acting Director of the University Division is taking a class for this PhD studies and attending the meeting as a learning experience.

9. The meeting adjourned at 5:05pm. (Doss/Ehlen)

Respectfully submitted by Kevin Valadares, Senate Secretary