

**Faculty Senate
Meeting Agenda**

April 22, 2005

3:00 P. M.

HP 2027

Announcements

Report from Dr. Linda Bennett, Provost

Minutes

April 1st, 2005

Old Business

SET

New Business

Fee for study abroad participants – Heidi Gregori-Gahan

Mandatory attendance policy for all remedial and developmental courses - Charlie Harrington

Economic benefits committee – final report

Student affairs committee – final report

Adjournment

University of Southern Indiana
Faculty Senate Minutes
Session # 11
Room: HP2027
Date: April 22, 2005

Members Present: J. Bandoli, L. Bennett, ex-officio, L. Cagle (in lieu of R. Hoebeke), P. Cashel-Cordo, J. Davis-Brezette, P. Doss, L. Howard, M. Krahling, I. Phillips, R. Priest (in lieu of M. Graham), J Thomas (in lieu of I. Phillips), K. Valadares, B. Wilding.

M. McCullough, Sr. Administrative Associate for Academic Affairs

Members Absent: H. Ray Hoops, ex-officio, M. Graham, R. Hoebeke, L. Nunn,

Guests: Michael Dixon, Heidi Gregori-Gahan, Charley Harrington.

1. Call to order at 3:00pm.

2. Announcements from the Chair:

- a) A retirement reception will be held on April 27th for the following faculty: Carol Hermes, Charlene Tripp, Steven Cox, and Robert Hartl.
- b) The University Core Curriculum is in the process of setting the agenda for the bonding with books program, geared towards entering freshman students.
- c) Commencement is scheduled for Sunday May 8th @ 300pm at Roberts Stadium. Over 1600 students will graduate.

3. Report from the Provost and V.P. of Academic Affairs, Dr. Linda Bennett.

- a) In reference to the SET discussion at the Spring Faculty meeting yesterday, the Provost is concerned about the timeliness of adopting an appropriate measurement tool. She encouraged faculty to investigate an e-college source that summarizes versions of software architecture (www.ecollege.com/products/demos2.learn). A lengthy discussion ensued. Questions from Senators: What are the other software options? Should we have a separate formative + summative evaluation tool? There was concern raised related to the online delivery mechanism of an evaluation tool. The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

4. Minutes

- a) Minutes from April 1, 2005 (Session #10) were approved pending corrections. (Bandoli/Howard).

5) New Business

a) Proposal for a fee for student enrolled in the study abroad program: Heidi Gregori-Gahan, Director of International Programs presented. The Office of International Programs and Services is responsible for the development and administration of USI approved study abroad programs. Over the past six years, the university has experienced a dramatic increase in the range of overseas opportunities through membership in the International Student Exchange Program, the Council on International Educational Exchange and other exchange organizations. Proposal: Establishment of an administrative fee of \$100 for participants of USI study abroad programs, effective July 2005.

b) Student Affairs Committee Report: Michael Dixon, Chair of the Student Affairs committee presented the report. **Motion:** (Wilding/Doss) The Faculty Senate accepts the Student Affairs report with the following amendment: "The committee suggests that Faculty be elected from each Academic College. Student members will be appointed through the Student Government Association." (Unanimous approval).

c) Mandatory Attendance Policy for student enrolled in remedial and development courses. Charley Harrington presented. A proposed developmental classes mandatory attendance policy (for GENS095, 097, 098, MATH100, MATH101) was discussed. Students who have more absences than the number of times the course meets per week will be administratively withdrawn from the course. Administrative withdrawal can occur at any point during the academic semester. A discussion ensued. Questions from Senators: Will this be more burdensome for the instructor? What constitutes an excused absence? **Motion:** (Doss/Phillips) To endorse the policy on a 2 year cycle. C. Harrington will keep the Senate informed. (Unanimous approval).

d) The following committee reports: Economic Benefits, Assessment, Curriculum will be discussed at the next meeting.

e) A Senator raised two issues for discussion. (1) There is concern with the timing of commencement and the conflict it continuously poses with Mother's Day. Some faculty are choosing not to attend commencement for this reason. A discussion ensued. Could we investigate alternatives to a Mother's Day commencement? (2) Did an inordinate number of administrators attend Banner training in Hawaii? Provost: Banner training for staff is obviously necessary however the University recognizes that more appropriate venues for such training are warranted.

7. The meeting adjourned at 4:55pm. (Howard/Valadares)

Respectfully submitted by Kevin Valadares