

Faculty Senate
Agenda
Friday, April 17, 2009
HP 2027
3:00 pm

Minutes from April 4th meeting

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

New Business

1. College election results
2. Report from Curriculum Committee
3. Report from the Student Affairs Committee.
4. Report from Economic Benefits Committee
5. Report from Faculty Affairs Committee
6. Report from the Assessment Committee
7. Report from Faculty Awards
8. Honor code development
9. USI Assessment Process

Old Business

1. Charge for 2009 – 2010 Academic year: governance for the faculty
2. Discussion on the issue of a tobacco-free campus
 - a. Discussion with staff council attached
3. Presentation for April 20th all faculty meeting
4. Communication between Faculty Senate and USI faculty
 - a. USI Today Blog

Announcements – Lesa Cagle Faculty Senate Chair

Next Meeting – May 4, 2009; 3:00 pm; HP 2027

Faculty Senate 4/17/09, meeting began 3:00pm.

Attendance: Peter Cashel-Cordo, Marlene Shaw, Chad Tew, Marie Opatrny , Kent Scheller, Brian Posler (Assistant University Provost), Sudesh Mujumdar, Lesa Cagle (Faculty Senate Chair), Vella Goebel, Peggy Shields, Mellisa Hall (recording secretary), Bob Hooper, Jane Brezette, guest; Claudine Fairchild, guest; David Hitchcock, Jon Webb, guest; Elliot Wasserman, guest; Tony Maria, guest; Manfen Chen, guest; Roberta Hoebeke, guest; C. Christy Baker, guest; Don Moore, guest.

Announcements:

Old Business: Approved pending recommended changes.

Provost's Report:

Dr. Bennett expressed thanks for the work of faculty who have served on university committees during the 2008-2009 school term (communicated by B. Posler).

1. Summer Session Proposed Changes: More intensive May semester term. Another less intensive option for adult learners has been considered. No change in beginning date of Summer I. Specialty recruited courses will continue without changes.
2. Suggest incentives for faculty to teach hybrid model courses, distance students, evening or weekend courses to increase access for students. Encourage students to take more students in summer. Possibility of discounted housing for students in the student also to make course work more affordable. Food availability and summer/campus life to increase summer activity also suggested.

Faculty Senate Elections for 2010-2011.

College of Education: V. Goebel

College of Business: J. Peluchette

College of Nursing and Health Professions: L. Cagle

College of Liberal Arts: C. Tew

College of Science and Engineering: A. Gentle

Committee Reports:

Topic	Discussion	Decision
Curriculum Committee Report	<p>New Courses Approved</p> <p>Summer Work:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minor modification in course compared to major modification. 2. Cross-discipline changes when influences > 1 discipline (ex. Trigonometry from 2 – 3 hours, 	<p>Move to accept report w/o modifications: C. Tew (motioned), P. Shields (seconded).</p>

	easier method for minor changes to occur).	
Student Affairs Committee	<p>Discussion of policy changes and developments. topics addressed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review and make recommendations regarding the Medical Withdrawal Process 2. Review and make recommendations regarding the waiting time of the Fresh Start program 3. Develop clear procedures for students seeking Grade Appeals and distinguish those procedures from the student academic grievance procedure Grade Appeals - no formal grade appeal process recommended because requiring a full FTE to deal with process. 4. Address expiration of student ID cards. Add expiration date to student ID cards through Eagle Access. 5. Review and make recommendations regarding the standard for graduation with honors for transfer students: no change to current policy. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Forward to Dean of Student Affairs, motion: K. Scheller, R. Hooper. 2.Refer back for further study. 3.Accept w/o alteration. 4.Accept w/o alteration C. Tew, K. Scheller. 5.Reject proposal as developed: C. Tew, K. Scheller. Motion voted down. Motion to accept report without alteration. K. Scheller, V. Goebel.
Medical Withdrawal Language	Legal counsel requested copy of the forms before any further adoption of the policy.	Pending legal council's approval.
Faculty Affairs	<p>Report presented for 5 charges:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gender identification in nondiscrimination policy. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.B. Hooper moves to accept recommendation as written. P. Shields seconded. C. Tew presented letter from attorneys, Lambda Legal, on gender identification law for discussion. C. Tew recommended vote today on new policy to be forwarded

	<p>2. Concrete tactics to reduce teaching loads. No change in teaching loads. Recommend to prioritize charge and continue next year.</p> <p>3. Designated faculty parking not recommended at this time.</p> <p>4. Streamlining of hiring process to make more efficient. Tracking process to streamline with software. Software in budget to be purchased.</p> <p>5. Ombuds position – no recommendation at this time.</p> <p>6. Format to submit charges to committees from Faculty Senate.</p>	<p>to Board of Trustees. Faculty Affairs Committee has forwarded their recommendation to USI legal counsel. Vote: motion passed. Counter Motion: C. Tew suggested to change ‘Gender Identification’ language to include Gender Identity or Gender Expression.</p> <p>2. Accept as written, P. Shields, B. Hooper. Motion passed.</p> <p>3. Accept as written, K. Scheller, S. Mujumdar. Motion passed.</p> <p>4. Accept as written: C. Tew, S. Mujumdar. Motion passed.</p> <p>5. Reject recommendation as written: C. Tew, seconded: D. Hitchcock. Motion voted down. Role-call vote P. Shields: no V. Goebel, no M. Shaw, no P. Cashel-Cordo, abstained R. Hooper, no K. Scheller, no Sudesh Mujumdar, no M. Hall, no M. Opatrny, no</p> <p>Motion to accept as written: P. Shields, B. Hooper. Motion passed.</p> <p>Accept proposal as written with item “1” being deleted:</p>
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		C. Tew, V. Goebel. Motion passed.
Assessment Committee Report	Form created to make assessment inventory document in cooperation with the Department of Institutional Research. Excel tool will hopefully help formalize assessment for all departments.	Report accepted as written: C. Tew, P. Cashel-Cordo.
Faculty Awards for Teaching Committee	No discussion.	Motion to accept report as written: C. Tew, M. Shaw. Motioned passed.
Faculty Affairs Report: Return to discuss Charge #2	Motion by C. Tew: "The Faculty Senate recommends a 9- hour teaching load for full tenure-track time faculty. To this end, we recommend the university president submit a budget request to the state that increases funding for additional tenure-track faculty." K. Scheller, seconded. C. Tew made an amendment to the resolution from the above motion: change "9 hours" to "a reduction in teaching load for full-time tenure-track faculty".	Straw-vote taken: Motion passed with resolution.
Faculty Affairs Report: Return to discuss Charge #1	Motion to replace "Gender Identification" to "Gender Identity and Gender Expression".	L. Cagle to follow-up with university counsel on status of Charge and counsel review.
Faculty Affairs Report: Return to discuss Charge # 3	C. Tew: Faculty Affairs Committee and Student Affairs to review and make recommendations for Handicapped Parking.	Defer new charge to next meeting.
USI Assessment Process	No action	Pending next meeting after review of excel document.
Tobacco Free Campus	Recommendation from Staff Counsel for USI Smoking Committee to become active. Recommendation from Staff Counsel also for litter policy with associated fine. K. Scheller, V. Goebel. Motion passed.	B. Posler to discuss at Administrative Counsel.
University	Meeting agenda reviewed. Shared	Meeting 4/20/09.

Meeting at 3p.m.	Governance and summaries of charged to be presented by L. Cagle.	
Table of Contents for Faculty Handbook	Charge to Faculty Affairs to adjust the table of contents of the Faculty Handbook to align with revisions to policy.	P. Shields motioned, B. Hooper second. Motion to accept charge to Faculty Affairs committee.

Meeting adjourned: 5: 40 p.m. Next scheduled meeting: 5/4/09 at 3p.m.