

# **FACULTY SENATE**

## **Meeting # 3 Agenda (Revised)**

**October 5, 2001**

**2:00 P.M.-3:30 P.M.**

**UC 215**

### **Announcements**

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**Report from Vice President Bob Ruble on Budget matters**

**Approval of minutes from meeting #2**

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University of Southern Indiana  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
Session # 3  
10/ 5/ 2001

Approved

Members Present: C. Baker, J. Davis-Brezette, Joy Peluchette, J. M. Graham, Ed. Jones (Ex-Officio) T. Pickett, J. McCoullough, W. Rinks, P. Shields, S.Sullivan, M. Vandever, A.White, W. Wilding, Angie Brawdy (Guest), Bob Rubles (Guest)

1. Call to order 2:00
2. Announcements – There were no announcements
3. Dr. Hoops – No report JONES
4. Dr. Reid – Briefly discussed faculty responses to the events of September 11, 2001. Efforts to get the Engineering Degree Program approved for USI continue. There was a productive meeting held on 9/11/01 with plans to pursue the degree program. Senate members were provided with a handout on USI Enrollment figures for Distance Education. The handout does not include enhanced courses. A request was made that the Senate receive a report with information on FTE and credit hours generated by School be submitted by October 17, 2001.
5. State of the State Budget – Bob Rubles  
Distributed a handout with priority projects for USI. Highlights included the following information. There is a forecast that there will be a \$125 million decrease in funding for Indiana in the July – August budget. By the end of the 2nd year Indiana will have depleted the fund balance with a tiny reserve. The state budget now has \$600 billion more in expenses than income. The possible effect on USI include: Renovation dollars will be put on hold for a year, technology allocation (\$700,000) on hold for a year. The University will be \$2.6 million behind in payments from state. There has been discussion on how to handle the problems with an increase in taxes and revenue enhancements. The goal at the state level is to deal with deficits first and then to deal with schools. Mr. Rubles reported that USI is solid and has reserves to cover expenses at least for this year. The science building is okay and will proceed as planned. Faculty salaries will be a top priority. The library renovation project will be put on hold. There will be no additional state funding for new academic programs. Any open positions will possibly be reevaluated. There has also been a downturn in interest revenue generated by the University. The Epi-Hab Center for Disabilities normally receives \$50-\$60,000 yearly in interest income from the 1.5 million dollar gift. There is an expected decrease in interest income of \$15,000. Soft \$ projects that are dependent on interest will have an decrease in exoenditures.
6. Minutes from the last meeting were approved as distributed (Sullivan, Shields)
7. Old Business

- a) It was decided that the diversity issues presented needed further clarification between the parties concerned.
- b) The Student Disabilities Board will meet next week and provide further clarification on the issues discussed at the previous Senate meeting.
- c) Angie Brawdy provided handouts and information on USI health, dental, and vision plans. Currently the University has contracts with three plans including BC/BS, BC/BS Access and Welborn HMO. Each of these contracts offer options for health, dental and vision care. There is growing concern that several large groups in Evansville no longer include Blue Cross/Blue Shield as an option. There are ongoing efforts to investigate options for next year.
- d) The ad hoc Committee on Parking Senate Representative provided the group with a recent plan for traffic navigation on campus. Clarke Lane beginning adjacent to the Health Professions Building will become a one-way street that will move traffic onto University Blvd. to exit the campus. The new proposed traffic pattern will begin when the road the connecting road is complete and appropriate signs have been posted. Campus security will monitor the traffic flow and determine if the newly proposed plan will be permanent. The Ad hoc Committee on Parking will continue to identify parking needs on campus. A new lot has been opened but questions from both students and faculty continue about the availability of sufficient parking. The committee will continue to evaluate the parking situation.
- e) Wayne Rinks shared the results of faculty input regarding the Spring University meeting. A majority of the respondents favored workshops. A list of possible workshops was provided. Faculty will be polled to get further input. A proposal was made that Wayne Rinks, Chair request Dr. Hoops, Dr. Reid, and Richard Schmidt serve on a panel with an open meeting with an open format for questions from faculty and answers from administrators. Several variations of this option was discussed. It was decided that Wayne would discuss the option with the administration and report options to the Senate in the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55