

FACULTY SENATE

Meeting #10 Agenda

March 28, 2001

7:45 A.M.

University Center

Room UC206

Announcements

Report from President Hoops

Report from Vice President Reid

Approval of minutes from meeting #9

Old Business

New Business

- Curriculum Committee Annual Report
- Evaluation of Candidates for Faculty Positions
- Program Chairs, Selection and Term
- University Calendar Planning
- Student Evaluations

Adjournment

University of Southern Indiana
Faculty Senate Minutes
Session: #10
Room: University Center, Room 206
Date: March 28, 2001

Approved

Members Present: C. Baker, Julie McCullough for H. Edwards, R. Hoops (ex-officio), P. Frazer, M. Krahling, M. Kocakulah, R. Reid (ex-officio), T. Pickett, W. Rinks, P. Shields, A. White, S. Sullivan, B. Wilding

Guest: N. Coudret, I. Crawford, B. Henderson

1. Call to Order: 7:45 am
2. Announcements
Mark Krahling, Faculty Senate Chair, made the following announcements.
 - a) All members of the Senate were thanked for their participation and attendance at the budget hearing.
 - b) Mark is a member of the Planning Committee for Expansion of the University Center. A meeting is scheduled for noon on Monday, April 2nd to discuss ideas about this project.
 - c) Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee requested additional information about the charge on developing a faculty survey. Upon clarification of the charge, the committee is planning to develop and distribute a faculty survey fall 2001 semester. Further information will be provided in the FAAC annual report to Senate. Faculty proposals for the Research and Creative Work Awards are being reviewed with final selection anticipated for the Spring Faculty Meeting on April 18.
 - d) The OP-ED letter signed by President/Chair of Faculty Senate/Council was attached to the agenda for today's meeting.
 - e) FAAC announced that Dr. Aimee Luebben is this year's recipient of the Distinguished Professor Award and Dr. Jeff Seyler received the Berger Community Award.
 - f) Senate meeting for April 4 has been cancelled; the next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 11.
3. Report from Dr. Hoops
 - a) Dr. Hoops presented a budget report. The current approved Indiana senate budget is not favorable for USI. Dr. Hoops anticipates some adjustments in the final budget approved by the state.
 - b) The proposed modification to the Engineering program is being challenged at the state level. The program will be discussed during the April meeting of the Commission on Higher Education.
 - c) USI has been approached to implement an ROTC program on campus. Discussion continues with representatives of the Army ROTC.

4. Report from Dr. Reid.
 - a) Dr. Reid informed Senate that an ROTC committee has been developed and will be investigating this option further. The program will need to be submitted to Academic Council for final approval.
 - b) Two conference/workshops were announced including the Enlow Policy Forum to be held in New Harmony on Saturday, March 31 and the Workplace Violence workshop being held Wednesday and Thursday of this week.
 - c) Dr. Reid also announced that the report on the status of building projects is available for faculty review.
5. Minutes from meeting #9: Approved (Kocakulah, Rinks)
6. Old Business - none
7. New Business
 - a) Curriculum Committee – B. Henderson presented the annual report. The committee work is almost finished and an addendum to this report will be provided upon completion of reviewing the final petitions. Motion to accept the report was approved (Shields, Wilding).
 - b) Evaluation of Candidates for Faculty Positions – The following motion was made and seconded (Sullivan, Kocakulah). The Senate support the adoption by the University of the following uniform policy concerning faculty hiring:
 - 1) all faculty search committees are permitted and expected to make formal recommendations or ranking to its dean concerning whom the university should hire for the faculty position being filled;
 - 2) no faculty search committee shall function as a merely advisory screening committee.After much discussion, a motion to table the first motion was approved (Rinks, Sullivan). Members of the School of Liberal Arts will also be meeting with Dean Crawford to further discuss this issue.
 - c) Selection and term of Program Chairs was deferred and will be placed on a later Senate agenda.
 - d) University Calendar Planning – Several issues were identified associated with upcoming university calendars including the timing of Spring Break, summer sessions, and faculty pay for summer courses. A subcommittee (W. Rinks, P. Shields, and B. Wilding) will develop and distribute a faculty survey addressing these issues. Senate will review the results of the survey prior to further discussion of this issue.
 - e) Student Evaluations – A concern was raised as to how the results of the cafeteria evaluation are used in the faculty evaluation process. Senate agreed to consider as a possible charge to a Senate committee during the August 2001 meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am. (Shields, Rinks)

Respectfully submitted,

Ann White, Secretary