

Members Present: C. Cooper, Chair, S. Gooden, L. Goss, R. Hartl, R. Hooper, H. R. Hoops (ex-officio), M. Krahling, L. Matheson, W. Neumeier, W. Rinks (for H. Braysmith), P. Toy.
Guests present: J. Deem, H. Dunn, L. Evinger, J. Meyer, and T. Pickett

- 1) Meeting called to order at 3:01 p. m.
- 2) Minutes of Session 14 approved as amended.
- 3) Report from President Hoops
 - a) The Commission on Higher Education meets this week. Each institution of higher education in Indiana will take its own budget list to the commission. The budget for USI will include: a. specific salary increases b. a technical maintenance component; c. an increase for the library; and d. an increase to support the Lilly Foundation portion of the Teaching Learning Center when the grant expires. There is a change in the budget formula to factor in an amount per new student and for the number of graduates which is good news for the budget at USI.
 - b) An effort is being made to establish a closer partnership with area schools for purposes of retention.
- 4) Report from Vice President Reid (no report)
- 5) Committee Reports – End of the Year
 - a) L. Goss moved that the Assessment Committee report be removed from the table. R. Hooper seconded. Motion passed. R. Hartl moved to accept the Assessment Committee report. P. Toy seconded. Assessment Committee report accepted without discussion.
 - b) L. Goss moved that the Curriculum Committee report be removed from the table. L. Matheson seconded. Motion passed. M. Krahling moved that the Curriculum Report be accepted. R. Hartl seconded. L. Goss moved that the motion be amended to state that the report be accepted if the wording on the routing forms is consistent with the intended wording of the Faculty Handbook to utilize the word "curriculum" rather than "curricular". Motion approved, 8 yeas, 1 nay. Report of the Curriculum Committee accepted.
 - c) W. Rinks moved that the Faculty and Academic Affairs report be tabled until the Faculty Creative Work Awards are granted. L. Goss seconded. Motion approved to table the Faculty and Academic Affairs report.
 - d) L. Goss moved to accept the Hearing Committee report. R. Hartl seconded. Motion passed. Hearing Committee report accepted without discussion.
 - e) L. Goss moved to remove the Student and Academic Affairs report from the table. M. Krahling seconded. Motion approved. L. Goss moved that the Student Academic Affairs report be accepted. R. Hooper seconded. Lengthy discussion followed.
 - i) M. Krahling moved that the recommendation from the Student Academic Services Task Force concerning Faculty Academic Advising be eliminated from the document. L. Goss seconded. Motion passed.
 - ii) L. Goss moved that the recommendation from the Student Academic Services Task Force concerning Course Repeat Policy be eliminated and that we maintain the current course repeat policy. Motion not approved, 2 yeas, 7 nays. R. Hartl moved that recommended modification to Course Repeat Policy b, worded: The last course completed will provide the only grade in computing the cumulative earned hours and the Grade Point Average, be amended to read: The first repetition of the class will

provide the only substitution of the initial course in the computed GPA. Motion approved.

- iii) M. Krahling moved that the recommendation from the Student Academic Services Task Force concerning Schedule Changes be omitted from the document. L. Goss seconded. M. Krahling amended the motion in order to maintain the current policies, procedures, and practices for change of schedule with the omission of the deans' signature when students add a class after the first week of classes. L. Goss seconded amended motion. Motion approved, 5 yeas, 4 nays.
- iv) M. Krahling moved that the recommendation from the Student Academic Services Task Force concerning Change of Major be deleted from the document and that the current policy for a change of major stay in effect. L. Goss seconded. Motion approved, 6 yeas, 2 nays, and 1 abstention.
- v) P. Toy moved that no more than 3 semesters of course work be forgiven under the proposed Fresh Start Policy. W. Rinks seconded. Motion was not approved. M. Krahling moved that the Student Academic Affairs report be amended to eliminate mention of the proposed Fresh Start Policy from the report. R. Hartl seconded. Motion was not approved 1 yeas, 8 nays
- vi) Student Academic Affairs Report accepted as amended.

6) Other Business

a) Senate also acted on Dr. Reid's recommendations on the Fresh Start Policy

- i) R. Hartl moved that recommendation #1 No Transfer credit will be granted for course work completed during the absence not be accepted. W. Rinks seconded. Motion approved, 6 yeas, 2 abstentions (one Senator had left the meeting before the vote)
- ii) W. Rinks moved that recommendation #2 Grades from all course work taken at USI will be used in calculating eligibility for membership in honor societies and graduation with honors be accepted. R. Hartl seconded. Motion approved.

7) Old Business (none)

8) New Business (none)

9) Announcements

- a) University Spring meeting is April 22.
- b) Last Senate meeting is April 29.

Meeting adjourned at 5:11.
Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gooden, Secretary