

Faculty Senate Agenda  
Friday February 29, 2008  
ED 0138 & 0139

Composition of Presidential Search and Screen Committee, C. Christy Baker

Presidential Search/Screen/Select Timetable, C. Christy Baker

**Public Forum**

“Leadership Qualities Desired in the Next USI President”

“Identification of Short & Long Term Planning Needs of University Divisions”

Moderated by Sherrienne Standley

Old Business

Indiana Senate Joint Resolution 7 – Motion & Vote by Faculty Senate

University of Southern Indiana  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
Session: 9  
Room: EDUC 0139  
Date: February 29, 2008

**Members Present:** C. Baker (Chair), Cagle, Lesa F.; Felton, M.; Goebel, Vella L.; Hoebeke, Roberta E.; Hooper, Robert W.; Kempf de Jong, Joan A.; Long, B.; Shaw, Marlene V.; Shields, Peggy S.; Tew, Chad; Wilding, Bill G.

**Guest Presenter:** S. Standley

**Other Invited Guests:** Interested members of the faculty in attendance for the open forum.

1. **Call to order at 3:00 P.M.**
2. **Composition of Presidential Search and Screen Committee** – C. Christy Baker briefly reviewed the composition, charge, and timetable for the Presidential Search and Screen Committee (please see attached Board of Trustees exhibit documents).
3. **Public Forum: “Leadership Qualities Desired in the Next USI President”** – Sherrianne Standley moderated the open forum to elicit ideas from faculty on leadership traits desired in the next USI president. The following attributes and requests were raised by faculty:
  - High visibility on and off campus
  - Vision – locally, nationally, even internationally
  - Transparency and inclusiveness – faculty need to participate to some degree in decision-making at USI.
  - Consider enrollment standards. Able to go in a direction different than we have been.
  - Ability to work with different people with ideas that differ.
  - Think innovatively – programs that are innovative. Market the university.
  - Further develop – amend - the mission of the university.
  - Shared governance. Make Faculty Senate more than an advisory body.
  - An able and wily negotiator to work with the challenge of the two-year community colleges and our place amongst – our identity as a university
  - Continued transparency of faculty budget hearings and the outcomes
  - Open-mindedness re: alternative methods of delivery of teaching to students
  - Inclusiveness (faculty and staff), community
  - Strongly support faculty in resources re: pursuit of federal and state grants
  - Prefer not to have a “branch campus mentality” – we are a larger university now but our policies reflect November 1969
  - Support special programs, e.g., historic New Harmony
  - Support free speech
  - Maintain NCAA II athletic status

- Funding per student in Indiana (placing USI on equal footing with other peer institutions)
- Prefer the head of the university to have academic experience in the classroom teaching undergraduate students
- Knowledge of and experience with technology
- Good traditions; Raise awareness/support/value for our academic community.
- Efficiency of university processes (e.g., committee reports, minutes) – perhaps do more with technology
- Faculty time – things have shifted down from the Registrar’s office to the departments with no one asking or consulting faculty
- Teaching loads
- We collect much data but what do we do with it? Request that when Sherrienne Standley finalizes her report could it be posted – perhaps on a Blackboard® site. Faculty are welcome to email Sherrienne with additional comments.

The question was raised about the level of faculty input: “will the leadership characteristics of what we want in a president be set prior to the election of the five faculty who will serve on the Presidential Search and Screen Committee?” – Yes.

**4. Presidential Search/Screen/Select Timetable** – C. Christy Baker reviewed:

- A. March 20, 2008:** Names of two candidates for the Presidential Search and Screen Committee from each college with 2-page CVs are sent to Faculty Senate.
- B. March 28, 2008:** Faculty Senate elects one representative from each college; paper ballots counted by the secretary.
- C. April 11, 2008:** Five names of elected representatives submitted by Faculty Senate to the USI Board of Trustees.
- D. May 10, 2008:** Final representatives selected by the USI Board of Trustees.
- E. May 17, 2008:** Training session for Presidential Search and Screen Committee.

**5. Old Business: Indiana Senate Joint Resolution 7 – Motion & Vote by Faculty Senate**

C. Baker read the Bylaws re: resolutions from the Faculty Handbook page 9 Article II Section 1 A, B, and C. Senator C. Tew announced that he is choosing not to go forward with the pursuit of developing the petition in order to place a resolution before the Faculty Senate. Senator Tew explained that he learned the night before the meeting that he needed signatures of 20% (n = 65) of the voting faculty to submit a written draft of a resolution to be brought before Faculty Senate for a vote. C. Baker asked Senator Tew if he was aware that he did not need to have all the signatures by today. He stated he was aware but he wanted them for today. He obtained 67 signatures. Senator Tew views this as a moral victory for domestic partner benefits. He is making it a voice for faculty and desires to send this to President Hoops as an individual faculty member (i.e., not from Faculty Senate).

**The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM. The next meeting will be on March 28th at 3:00 P.M. in EDUC 0138.**

*Respectfully submitted by Roberta Hoebeke, Senate Secretary*