

FACULTY SENATE

Meeting # 2 Agenda

September 7, 2001

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

Liberal Arts Center

Room LA3004

Announcements

Report from President Hoops

Report from Vice President Reid

Approval of minutes from meeting #1

Old Business

New Business

- Elect Vice-Chair for Faculty Senate
- Charges for Promotions Committee
- Charges for Assessment Committee
- Charges for Grievance and Hearing Committee
- Discuss Guests and agenda items for future meetings
- Name member to Student Publications Meeting
- Name student member of Student Academic Grievance Committee

Adjournment

University of Southern Indiana
Faculty Senate Minutes
Session #2
Room: LA 3004
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Approved

Members Present: C. Baker, J. Davis-Brezette, A. Foroughi, M. Graham, T. Pickett, R.L. Reid (ex-officio), W. Rinks, P. Shields, S.Sullivan, Charlene Tripp, M. Vandever, A. White, W. Wilding

1. Call to Order 2:00 p.m.
2. President's Report - Dr.Reid provided the report for Dr. Hoops who was not available for the meeting:
 - a) Enrollment at USI has continued an upward trend. There has been an enrollment increase from 9,012 to 9,362. The number of first time freshmen is 2,039. In addition to the increase at the undergraduate level there has been a 22% increase of students enrolled in graduate programs. Minority and international students represent 5.6% of the student population with African American students representing the largest minority group on campus. Students who are 25 or older are now 23.5% of the student population. There has also been an increase in students who are enrolled full time. 6,884 USI students are now taking 12 credit hours or more. The student population is 60.5 % female (5,660) students and 39.5% male (3,702) students. Distribution of students continues to be statewide with all Indiana counties except one represented here. The majority of students (54%) represent Vanderburgh, Posey, Warrick and Gibson counties.
 - b) The USI Board of Trustees held their meeting September 6. Dean Crawford presented information on the restructuring of the Art and Music Department to include Theatre. There are no new updates on the status of the Engineering Program. The Commission for Higher Education will be reviewing the USI proposal at its September 14 meeting. The Board was updated on Campaign USI and Foundation efforts. More than \$21.8 million has been received for the Capital Campaign; \$7.1 million was raised last year and this was from 4,800 donors. The annual fund has increased 17% from last year. The University will provide an additional \$10,000 to the Faculty Research and Creative Work Award (FRCWA). Letters will be sent to the Deans on individual funds available to each School. The Board was provided with information on the status of parking on campus. Although work continues on parking lots and parking has improved it was pointed out that there will be additional parking needed due to continued growth. The Board meeting culminated with the groundbreaking ceremony for the New Science and Education building. Children from the Carver Community Center & the USI Child Care Center participated.

3. Dr. Reid's Report:

A Task Force on Student Evaluation has been created by Dr. Reid with representation from each school. The task force will make a final report to the Senate in the spring semester.

4. Minutes:

The minutes were approved with corrections. (Sullivan/Graham)

5. Old Business: Senate Charges

a) Assessment Committee

Functions listed in the University Handbook

b) Grievance and Hearing Committee

To review and clarify the difference in language in the University Handbook on pages 57 and 58. On page 57 the term Grievance is defined as "A complaint asserting that an action was taken or decision was made in a manner that violated a University policy, procedure or standard." On page 58 a grievance is described as "the University policy, procedure, or standard supposedly misinterpreted or violated...."

c) Chair Rinks asked the Senate to review a requested charge submitted by the faculty of the Occupation Therapy Program and be prepared at the next meeting to vote on the charge.

It was agreed that Committee reports would be due to the Faculty Senate on January 15, 2001. Chair Rinks will inform each of the Standing Senate Committees of all charges developed by the Senate.

6. Election of Vice-Chair:

William Wilding was elected Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate.

7. New Business:

a) Faculty and students have raised concern about the handling of recycling on campus. There have been reports that the recycling process is not being maintained as designed. The student Sierra Club has identified this as a project this year. Physical plant management has been asked to review the concerns and report findings and initiatives to the Senate.

b) Karen Bishop was appointed to the Student Publications Committee.

There have been no nominations for the Student Academic Grievance Committee. Senate representatives are to come prepared with names of nominees at the next meeting.

c) Future Guests to place on the Senate Agenda include:

October – Human Resources, Questions on Health and Life Insurance Benefits

November – Phyllis Toy, Questions and discussion of the University Honors Program

(Guests to be invited at a later date include Wayne Boehm, Computer Center and Jim Browning, Counseling Center)

8. All future meetings of the Senate will be held in UC 215.