

IUPUC Faculty Senate Minutes
Friday, April 17, 2009
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SENATORS ATTENDING: Eugenia Badger, Terry Dibble, Barbara Hass-Jacobus, Laura Lee Wetzel, Tom Clerkin, Dan Rusu, Susie Blizard, Julie Goodspeed-Chadwick, Chris Walcott, Steven Schmidt

NOT ATTENDING: Ann Styron, Allison Howland

Other Attendees: Kate Baird (presiding officer), Georgia Miller, Joan Poulsen, Ilknur Kelceoglu, Jackie Lane

K. Baird called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

The agenda was approved by the Senators.

Approval of Minutes

K. Baird

- The Senators approved the March 27, 2009 minutes by consensus

Vice Chancellor and Dean Report

VC Howard

- Education Suite & First Floor Restroom Renovations Progressing
 - Restrooms open, waiting on new entry doors which will make restrooms ADA compliant
 - Education Suite construction done soon; furniture orders delayed at IU Architects Office will delay occupancy
- Reeves Sculpture Plaza construction will get underway this summer. Hope to have a dedication ceremony in September.
- Congratulations to all faculty, staff, and student award winners. I have received many compliments on the regarding the April 8th Honors Convocation. Thanks to everyone who attended in support of our students and colleagues!
- If you have not heard, Division of Science (once again) won the early registration competition. Please keep advising students and encouraging them to register!
- Division Penny Wars to support Riley Hospital ends today! Last chance to place money in the containers in Student Services area.
- Indiana Senate's budget was better than expected for higher education. Higher Education was essentially flat-lined because of the use of federal stimulus money to make up for projected income shortfalls. Now we wait for the conference committee to work out the compromise budget. The governor felt the Senate's budget was not sufficiently conservative. It is unknown how his views will impact the negotiations.
- Remember to show the video encouraging students to complete course evaluations online! It is your interest to help increase response rates.
- Empty Holster Protest, April 20-24th. We may have students wearing empty gun holsters to campus during this time as a protest against gun laws and/or university policies regarding carrying guns on campus. This is within the students' rights and should not be construed as a threat.
- For Senate ratification: IUPUC Unit (School) Promotion and Tenure Committee membership: Jim Clack, Emily Dill (assuming her successful tenure and promotion to Associate Librarian), Gary Felsten, Steven Schmidt, and Judy Spector (Professor-Emeritus)

Faculty President Report

K. Baird

- Search Committee for Vice Chancellor has been formed and announced in multiple places. The job description and job postings have been done and ad was to run this week in *The Chronicle of Higher*

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Education. The timeline for the rest of the search has been set. The committee has been asked to keep the entire process confidential. The Search Committee will put forward the candidates they perceive as credible candidates but the selection of who will be offered the position rests solely in the Chancellor's Office. It is not a Search Committee decision. No discussion about how input from constituents would be solicited; K. Baird will raise that question.

Committee Reports

Executive

K. Baird

- No report

Academic Affairs

J. Poulsen

- Discussion item: Fall Break
 - IUPUI did approve a fall break on their campus starting FA10. We can still decide if want to have one here. After discussing with several people on campus it appears the break would have to fall on a Monday and Tuesday, it couldn't be another Thursday and Friday and it would probably need to be right in the middle of the semester, not extending the week of Thanksgiving break to a full week.
 - Senators will poll their Divisions. A standard email will go out to Senators created by J. Poulsen for Senators to use. Vice Chancellor would like a definitive answer regarding fall break quickly.
- Discussion item: Academic Bulletin
 - Will use the IUPUI Bulletin

Faculty Affairs

S. Schmidt

- Action Item: Endorsement of faculty salary policy
 - The IUPUC Faculty Affairs Committee proposes the following draft of a campus faculty salary policy for the Senate's approval: "Each year the Vice Chancellor's office will determine the amount of money that is available for raises for each division. The division heads and directors, using the staff and faculty annual reviews, will recommend to the Vice Chancellor merit raises for each individual based upon unit standards." (Submitted 8 April 2009)
 - Vote by Senate to endorse the policy passed but not unanimously

Budgetary and Resources Policy

C. Walcott for L. Killian

- Met April 7
- A new online tracking system will be implemented to help address faculty and staff concerns with facility services; L. Killian has met with D. Wilhelm regarding these issues.

Student Affairs

E. Badger

- Committee met with Academic Affairs and concurred with their determination regarding the Academic Bulletin

Constitution and Bylaws

G. Miller

- No report.

Nominations Committee

K. Baird for A. Zoeller

- Divisions should have heard from Nominations Committee soliciting membership to the committees of the Senate. Emails were sent to all faculty from Nominations Committee asking for nominations for President and IUPUI Faculty Council representative.
- The election will be taking place prior to May 8, 2009

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Boards, Ad Hoc Committees & Administrative Reports

IUPUC Assessment Committee

D. Winikates

- No report

Promotion & Tenure Board

G. Felsten

- No report.

Grievance Board

S. Schmidt

- No report.

IUPUI Faculty Council

A. Howland

- Fall Break, already discussed in Academic Affairs

Emergency Preparedness Committee

W. Fields

- No report.

ITAC

B. Hass-Jacobus for R. Lynch

- Question came up at last Senate meeting regarding Bill Fields' creation of a policy regarding cell phones in the classroom
- Update: policy had to do with whether or not IT supports issues students are having with cell phones during class times. Classroom disruption due to cell phone use is a faculty classroom discipline issue covered by the Code of Conduct.

Old Business

- In a follow-up to the Emergency Preparedness, adjuncts are requesting a cheat sheet be put in each classroom listing members of the Emergency Preparedness Committee. A cheat sheet would be helpful if standard procedure is to contact one of them and then the Vice Chancellor's office. K. Baird asked for the request to be put in writing so it can be moved forward.

New Business

- Concerns regarding the new website should be taken to ITAC

Announcements

- From the Retention Committee: S. Blizard and L. Wetzel have been asked to head up a focus group made up of adjuncts to see what information they think would be important for them to hear at the Fall Convocation.
- L. Wetzel announced that the Partners In Education classes has the most participation they have ever had. Take back to Divisions to see if anyone wants to present something to the community between Labor Day and Thanksgiving and get the information to L. Wetzel and J. Poulsen no later than April 29th.
- Theresa Bruno will go on maternity leave and Monday will be her last day. Her leave runs until the end of her contract so she will not be coming back. Emily Dill will be starting back May 4.
- MBA open house next Wednesday at 5:30pm.
- Colloquium today on Stem Cell Research in the Lecture Hall.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Next Meeting
Friday, May 8, 2009
9:30 - 11:00 AM
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