SENATORS ATTENDING: Rebecca Bartlett, Chris Brandon, Tom Clerkin, Terry Dibble, Emily Dill, Sam Forster, Doug Gardner, Barbara Hass Jacobus, Ilknur Kelceoglu, Larita Killian, Aija Pocock, Laura Lee Wetzel, Kathy Wills

NOT ATTENDING: Dan Rusu, Beth Sharer, Steven Schmidt

Other Attendees: Kate Baird (presiding officer), Gary Felsten, Georgia Miller, Joan Poulsen, Lisa Siefker-Bailey, Matt Souza, Vice Chancellor Marwan Wafa

K. Baird called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

The Senators approved the March 26, 2010, agenda by consensus.

Approval of Minutes

The Senators approved the January 29, 2010, minutes by consensus. Motion to approve made by C. Brandon, seconded by K. Wills.

Vice Chancellor and Dean Report

VC Wafa

VC Wafa has received the P&T guidelines from all Divisions. He will finalize the guidelines document, then take the new guidelines to IUPUI to make sure they are honored at levels of the process outside of Columbus. If adopted, the new guidelines will take effect immediately for all faculty coming up for P&T.

Strategic Plan informational session scheduled for Tues., March 30. All faculty have been invited to attend. The plan will be sent to external stake holders later that day.

IUPUC, in cooperation with community health leaders, will be starting a health care program to promote a healthy lifestyle.

Fish sculpture is scheduled to be installed in the area that used to be the smoking shelter. VC Wafa is asking for faculty, staff, and student volunteers to assist with the construction of the area.

Vacant area in learning center is being converted to a meeting area for students. Awaiting furniture before opening the area for use. See Suzie Blizard, Kylie Weichman, or Chris Beach with questions.

Locker area on the second floor near VC Wafa’s office is being converted to a display in honor of those serving on the Board of Advisors. Kylie Weichman is running a contest for students to come up with a quote for the display.

VC Wafa has asked Centerstone for a proposal to provide treatment on or near campus to students who have mental health needs.

Faculty President Report

K. Baird

Staff Council will be sponsoring a spring/early summer picnic again this year, and are wondering if faculty want to participate. The picnic will be during lunchtime the Friday following commencement. Senators are charged with getting input from Divisions and relaying to K. Baird whether or not faculty wish to participate.
Executive

- The Nominations Committee reported that language in the Constitution and Bylaws regarding the election and appointments of Senators and committee members is confusing in places. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee will work on clarifying that language.

Academic Affairs

- Discussed Dean’s List Criteria.
  - Issue was whether or not to drop the top 15% (10% UCOL) requirement. Data was collected and distributed. No patterns emerged. The committee voted (not unanimously) to leave the criteria as-is.
  - Many people feel that two students with identical GPAs not being treated equally sends the wrong message to students and parents.
  - T. Clerkin motioned for the committee to reconsider the issue. Baird charged committee with revisiting the issue and asks all faculty to send their feedback on the issue to Academic Affairs.
  - G. Felsten was recognized and commented that the committee should examine the percentage of students making the Dean’s List to ensure that the award reflects high academic standards.
  - G. Miller was recognized and suggested examining the criteria from both an academic and marketing perspective.

Faculty Affairs

- L. Killian attended the most recent meeting and gave feedback to the committee regarding the Faculty Awards process. The main issue raised concerned the fact that the Awards Committee had to do all of the work in too short of a time period. The committee will examine all issues raised for future awards protocol revisions.
- Student course evaluations
  - Faculty and staff have already attended an info session on one evaluation vendor; two more vendors are scheduled to present this afternoon (2pm & 3pm in the Summerville room). All faculty have been invited to attend these meetings.
  - Faculty have also been asked to give input regarding the questions asked on the evaluations. B. Hass Jacobus commented that the April 5 deadline given to faculty in the recent email is too short of a timeframe and doesn’t allow Divisions time to discuss and come up with a consensus list of questions. K. Baird replied that Faculty Affairs needs an idea of questions to negotiate prices with vendors, but those will by no means be the finalized question lists. There will be more time for Divisions to create their final lists of questions.
- This semester will have the same online evaluation process as last semester, as we cannot select and secure a vendor contract in time for SP10 course evaluations.

Budgetary and Resources Policy

- Office of Finance & Administration website updates pushed back.
- Secure mailroom: master plan in process for facilities, so will have more information in the future.
- More fiscal administration (such as purchasing) is being consolidated into individual offices that serve the whole IU system. So far none of the restructuring has impacted staffing here.
- Negotiations with IUPUI continuing regarding assessments.

Student Affairs

- Report is as stated in the March 22, 2010, minutes posted on the website.

Constitution and Bylaws

- Report is as stated in the February 9, 2010, minutes posted on the website. Examining language regarding designation of groups dealing with Promotion and Tenure (Board vs. Committee) as well.

Nominations Committee

- Lists of expiring positions have been distributed to Division Heads and the committee is asking for nominations.
Boards, Ad Hoc Committees & Administrative Reports

IUPUC Assessment Committee
- No report.

Promotion & Tenure Board
- The committee is continuing to work on the campus document.

Grievance Board
- No report.

IUPUI Faculty Council
- Council is meeting but discussing topics of interest to Indianapolis.

Emergency Preparedness Committee
- No report.
- VC Wafa reports that a safety conference will be conducted next Friday, and will include all safety personnel on both IUPUC and Ivy Tech campuses.

ITAC
- Minutes have been posted to the website.

Old Business
- None

New Business
- None

Announcements
- L. Wetzel: Georgia Miller is being given an IUPUI Women’s Leadership Award for Veteran Faculty. C. Brandon was awarded the Outstanding MBA Faculty Award.
- K. Baird: In the next two weeks, the Board of Examiners from NCATE will be visiting.
- I. Kelceoglu: ECO club enrolled IUPUC in Earth Hour (World Wildlife Fund-sponsored) from 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM tomorrow. IUPUC is third campus participating in state of Indiana. IUPUC will be turning off all non-essential electrical equipment for the entire weekend. Faculty and staff are asked to turn off all computers and lights when leaving today. (Note that essential equipment, such as the computer servers, will remain on).

Adjournment
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 AM. Motion to adjourn made by C. Brandon, seconded by L. Wetzel.

Next Meeting:
Friday, April 16, 2010
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
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