SENATORS ATTENDING: Erica Berte, Chris Brandon, Tom Clerkin, Terry Dibble, Emily Dill, Sam Forster, Doug Gardner, Barbara Hass Jacobus (presiding officer), Allison Howland, Ilknur Kelceoglu, Dan Rusu, Steven Schmidt, Beth Sharer, Kathy Wills

NOT ATTENDING: Kate Baird (President), Rebecca Bartlett, Larita Killian, Laura Lee Wetzel

Other Attendees: Gary Felsten, Georgia Miller, Joan Poulsen, Lisa Siefker-Bailey, Matt Souza, Vice Chancellor Marwan Wafa

B. Hass Jacobus called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

- The Senators approved the April 16, 2010, agenda by consensus.

Approval of Minutes

- The Senators approved the March 26, 2010, minutes by consensus.

Vice Chancellor and Dean Report

- VC Wafa met with the International Programs office at IUPUI. IUPUC is authorized to issue I-20s, a necessary step in the recruitment of foreign students.
- Searches are underway for 11 faculty and 2 staff positions; a few more positions will be hired in the near future. These new employees represent an approximately $1 million investment in salary and benefits.
- Increases have been made to research and professional development accounts. Lecturers will now receive $750/year (up from $600) and clinical faculty will receive $1200/year (also up from $600). An additional $10,000 has been allocated to each Division to support faculty development, and $10,000 has been budgeted to support student research.
- VC Wafa plans to implement an IUPUC “score card” in the form of metrics to measure accomplishments toward the strategic planning initiatives and other efforts to advance IUPUC.
- VC Wafa is proposing that plans be made to move Facilities out of the CC, and to reconfigure the building when PCOT moves to the new Center for Manufacturing Excellence. He also proposes modular units to house the café, allowing the café to expand its menu and offer more seating.
- The space in the LC that has been allocated for students is not to be called a Student Center, as it is not a true Student Center, which VC Wafa hopes will exist in the future.
- Attendance at commencement is encouraged. Contact K. Weichman with any questions.

Faculty President Report

- In accordance with the Constitution & Bylaws, Faculty Senate Secretary B. Hass Jacobus will preside over today’s meeting in K. Baird’s absence. B. Hass Jacobus wishes to thank D. Gardner for agreeing to be a back-up recorder for today’s meeting.
- B. Hass Jacobus urged the Faculty to participate actively in the upcoming election and appointment of Faculty Senate and committee officers for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Committee Reports

Executive

- No report.
Pending

Academic Affairs

J. Poulsen

- Action item: Dean’s List Criteria
  - After reexamining the issue, the committee recommends eliminating the top 15% (10% UCOL) requirement from the current policy.
  - The recommendation passed with one abstention.

- Action item: Endorsement of the proposed Master of Arts in Counseling program
  - Program needs endorsement of Faculty Senate as part of the University approval process.
  - T. Clerkin spoke in favor of endorsing the program, referencing his time with the CEC over 10 years ago when this program was identified as a priority need in the community. Clerkin also celebrated the new graduate level program as a step forward in the development of IUPUC.
  - The program was endorsed unanimously.
  - VC Wafa thanked G. Felsten for his hard work over a number of years to make this program a reality.
  - G. Felsten thanked T. Clerkin for his comments, J. Poulsen for reviewing documents, K. Compton for help in writing the program proposal, and VC Wafa for his helpful comments during the process.

Faculty Affairs

S. Schmidt

- Student course evaluations: Scantron is the favored option of those examined. A meeting will be held Wednesday, April 21, with Scantron representatives to determine a timeline for implementation of the system, as well as staffing and resource needs. Faculty should continue to consider the questions that we want to ask on the evaluations. Schmidt is trying to obtain a master list of questions from IUPUI.

- The Faculty Awards process is still under review. The committee will propose further changes to the policy in early FA10.

Budgetary and Resources Policy

C. Brandon

- No updates on the master Facilities plan.
- Faculty and staff report an inability to access the Bippen room when necessary due to the room being locked. The committee is examining options to improve access, such as issuing keys to the administrative assistants, or leaving the room unlocked if security is not deemed to be an issue.
- Copier issues are monitored by M. Volpatti’s office; report problems to Volpatti.
- All CC classrooms will have whiteboards; Divisions will need to supply their faculty with markers.
- No additional cuts are being made to next year’s budget but a reserve exists if more cuts become necessary.
- Discussions with IUPUI on assessments are being delayed until fall.

Student Affairs

L. Siefker-Bailey

- See the March 22, 2010, minutes posted on the website.
- At least one student reported the inability to attend graduation ceremonies because the student couldn’t afford the robe rental. VC Wafa has agreed to provide attire for that student and has forwarded the issue to S. Zearing’s office, with the possibility of alumni providing funding for students faced with this and similar issues. If anyone else knows of a student who is not attending graduation for financial reasons, forward the student to VC Wafa and S. Zearing.
- Thanks to speedy work by the committee, the Student Service Award was given to students Emma Robinson and Chad Buehler.

Constitution and Bylaws

I. Kelceoglu

- Report is as stated in the April 8, 2010, minutes posted on the website. Any changes to the Constitution and Bylaws will be brought to Senate in the fall.

Nominations Committee

G. Felsten

- Nominations for all positions were received. The committee is awaiting the acceptance of the nominations before sending out a ballot. Candidates for Faculty Senate President will be asked to provide a short statement to be included on the ballot.
- Ballots will be distributed within the next 1-2 weeks via email. A request was made that the committee examine ways for the voting to be completely anonymous in the future. G. Felsten will look into the use of Survey Monkey for the election this year.
Pending

**Boards, Ad Hoc Committees & Administrative Reports**

**IUPUC Assessment Committee**  
- No report.

**Promotion & Tenure Board**  
- No report.

**Grievance Board**  
- No report.

**IUPUI Faculty Council**  
- IUPUC nominated at-large representatives, but no one from Columbus appeared on the ballot.

**Emergency Preparedness Committee**  
- S. Schmidt reported that the committee is updating the emergency procedures, which have changed due to the implementation of a new radio system.

**ITAC**  
- Minutes have been posted to the website.

**Old Business**  
- None

**New Business**
- S. Forster requests that the Executive Committee and Faculty Senate consider the possibility of adjunct faculty representation on some or all of the committees.
- T. Clerkin stated that Senate needs to endorse the recommendation of the Faculty to confer degrees to graduates. The Senate made a motion to endorse the recommendation of the Faculty at graduation on May 9, 2010, to confer degrees to 45 B.S. Business and 16 M.B.A. candidates, as well as an unreported number of candidates for B.S. and B.A.Psychology and Bachelor of General Studies, upon completing the requirements of their respective programs. (It should be noted that other graduates, such as Education and Nursing, are programs that technically fall under IU endorsement, rather than IUPUC). The motion was passed unanimously.

**Announcements**
- **Lactation Room**: A private room for breastfeeding mothers is available in the CC Building. Students can get a key to the room from the Student Services desk Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Faculty Colloquium**: April 16, 12 PM: Kimdy Le, “Why Personality Matters: Broad Personality Traits and Important Life Outcomes”
- Kathy Wills is now a member of FACET.
- NCATE made a positive recommendation to their Board in favor of accrediting our Education program.
- A Division of Education student is receiving the Outstanding Indiana Science Education Student award this afternoon.

**Adjournment**
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 AM.

**Next Meeting:**  
Friday, May 14, 2010  
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM  
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