SENATORS ATTENDING: Rebecca Bartlett, Chris Brandon, Tom Clerkin, Terry Dibble, Emily Dill, Sam Forster, Doug Gardner, Julie Goodspeed-Chadwick, Barbara Hass-Jacobus, Allison Howland, Ilknur Kelceoglu, Larita Killian, Dan Rusu, Steven Schmidt, Beth Sharer, Laura Lee Wetzel

NOT ATTENDING: N/A

Other Attendees: Kate Baird (presiding officer), Gary Felsten, Jay Howard, Georgia Miller, Joan Poulsen, Vice Chancellor Marwan Wafa

K. Baird called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

The agenda was approved by the Senators (motion to approve by L. Wetzel).

Approval of Minutes

K. Baird

- After the request was made to delete E. Berte from the “Not Attending” list, the Senators approved the Nov. 20, 2009, minutes by consensus. (Motion to approve made by S. Schmidt; seconded by E. Dill.)

Vice Chancellor and Dean Report

VC Wafa

- Expect progress on Divisions’ strategic plans.
- Looking into hiring a temporary staff member to assist Divisions with the development of their strategic plans.
- Changes to the organizational structure of the University are in progress. VC Wafa will gather input before implementing the proposed changes.
- IUPUC’s budget is doing OK so far. Plans are being made for a 6% budget cut over the next two years. Divisions have been asked to provide input on what the impact of cuts to their Divisions will be. VC Wafa’s goal is to make the needed cuts without any reductions in faculty & staff.
- Soliciting suggestions for how best to utilize the space in the LC recently vacated by Work One. The space will be shared with Ivy Tech, so ideas should benefit both campus’s students.
- VC Wafa wishes to thank the faculty for their work and dedication to deliver the best education to our students. IUPUC will continue to raise the bar and promote ethical standards.

Faculty President Report (combined with Executive Committee Report)

K. Baird

- IUPUC is building a community of learning and ethics. Historically, we have referred to IU documents during the course of business. We will continue to do so but are in the process of looking at the documents to create procedural checklists for faculty, staff, and students to use, and looking at the best means to communicate these policies and procedures to students. The Executive Committee is soliciting lists of “problem areas” – areas in which procedures and policies are unclear, hard to find, or problematic to implement – so that we know how to prioritize the process.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs

J. Poulsen

- Refer to the most recent minutes, located on the Faculty Senate website.

Faculty Affairs

S. Schmidt

- Refer to the most recent minutes, located on the Faculty Senate website.

Budgetary and Resources Policy

C. Brandon

- Refer to the most recent minutes, located on the Faculty Senate website.

Student Affairs

A. Howland

- Refer to the most recent minutes, located on the Faculty Senate website.
APPROVED

Constitution and Bylaws

I. Kelceoglu

- A handout was distributed that included the proposed changes to the Constitution & Bylaws (Bylaw Article V.D.1. and Bylaw Article V.E.1.). I. Kelceoglu moved that Senate accept the proposed changes. There was no discussion. The proposed changes were unanimously accepted.

Nominations Committee

G. Felsten

- Refer to the most recent minutes, located on the Faculty Senate website.

Boards, Ad Hoc Committees & Administrative Reports

IUPUC Assessment Committee

D. Winikates

- No report; the Executive Committee is in the process of making this committee a standing, rather than ad hoc, committee.

Promotion & Tenure Board

G. Felsten

- No report.

Grievance Board

S. Schmidt

- No report.

IUPUI Faculty Council

A. Howland

- Nominations are being solicited for three nominees for tenure-track at-large positions and five non-tenure track at-large positions. A. Howland distributed a list of eligible faculty for both positions and requests that all faculty circle nominees and return the list to her. She will confirm that the circled faculty members accept the nominations before forwarding a list of nominees to IUPUI.

Emergency Preparedness Committee

W. Fields

- No report.

ITAC

R. Lynch

- Did not meet this month.

Old Business

- L. Wetzel wishes to thank W. Fields and all others who worked to post the emergency procedures in classrooms and offices. If anyone discovers that a room does not have these postings, let W. Fields know immediately.

New Business

- None

Announcements

- Faculty Colloquium, Dec. 18, 12 PM: James Clack, “A Brief History of Biology – Holiday Edition”
- L. Wetzel: L. Wetzel and S. Forster are available to introduce themselves as the adjunct representatives at any Division meetings at the beginning of the semester. S. Schmidt and E. Dill also volunteered their time to give Divisions a library update if requested.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Next Meeting:
Friday, January 29, 2010
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
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