SENATORS ATTENDING: Kate Baird, Erica Berte, Tom Clerkin, Jenny Conner, Sam Forster, Doug Gardner, Allison Howland, Kimdy Le, Steven Schmidt, Laura Lee Wetzel, Kathy Wills

NOT ATTENDING: Rebecca Bartlett, Chris Brandon, Emily Dill, Julie Goodspeed-Chadwick, Larita Killian, Dan Rusu, Ann Styron

Other Attendees: Kathy Compton, Gary Felsten, Barbara Hass Jacobus, Georgia Miller, Joan Poulsen, Marwan Wafa, Debbie Winikates

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

Approval of Agenda

- The Senators approved the February 18, 2011, agenda by consensus, with one correction. The action item listed under Academic Affairs should be changed to “Admissions Priority Date.”

Approval of Minutes

- The January minutes were not available for approval.

Ratification of January 21, 2011 Actions

- J. Poulsen reviewed the Academic Dismissal Policy (COFS-AA-1011-D001), which was passed unanimously by those Senators present at the January 21, 2011, meeting, at which there was not a quorum. D. Gardner motioned to ratify the actions taken at the January meeting; K. Baird seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chancellor and Dean Report

- A meeting took place Wednesday regarding the M.A. Counseling Psychology program proposal, which was pulled from today’s Board of Trustees agenda due to objections from the Bloomington School of Education. Chancellor Bantz will ask that the proposal be placed the Board’s April agenda. IUPUC Psychology faculty will work to address concerns. The IUPUC Advisory Board was asked to be prepared to make calls should the need arise, but action is not needed yet.
- VC Wafa attended a meeting Thursday with the Board of Trustees to discuss increasing health insurance premiums. 2009-2010 actual IU expenses were over $165,000,000, and 2011 projected expenses are $180,000,000, hence the premium increase.
- IUPUC is looking at different options for campus security; W. Fields is working with his Ivy Tech counterpart, and we are awaiting their research and report.
- IUPUI sponsored a discussion regarding online education. The coordination of dates and schedules has been problematic. Our online courses are primarily in Education and Nursing.
- Enhancing the summer sessions at IUPUI: G. Miller will be sharing this document with Division Heads.
- LC has new signage and banners; working on creating an identity for the building. New sign being created for Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence (dedication of the Center scheduled for June 10).
- VC Wafa attended the dedication of the IU Center for Art and Design–Columbus. President McRobbie was there to recognize the initiative.
- Andre Marak has received an offer letter for the position of Division Head of Liberal Arts.
- A committee is being formed to address some adjunct faculty needs – we need to support our “supporting” faculty!
Faculty President Report

B. Hass Jacobus

- A summary of comments B. Hass Jacobus received from faculty regarding the recent lockdown event was forwarded to VC Wafa.
- B. Hass Jacobus asked that, if Senators are going to be absent from a Faculty Senate meeting, they contact B. Hass Jacobus and C. Brandon and let them know whether or not the Division alternate will be attending in their place. This way, if a quorum will not be met, the option of rescheduling the meeting can be considered.

Committee Reports

Executive

K. Baird

- Kathy Compton gave a presentation of the pilot Bridge program and discussed the results of that program (so far) in terms of student retention, GPA, and fees the students still owe IUPUC.

Academic Affairs

J. Poulsen

- J. Poulsen reviewed a policy to make the Bridge program mandatory for cautionary conditionally admitted (CACA) students (see document COFS-AA-1011-D003). D. Gardner asked approximately how many CACAs are admitted in the fall semester. J. Poulsen indicated that S. Blizard reports 11 last fall and 17 already admitted for FA11. Only one CACA student admitted for FA10 participated in Bridge, and that student did struggle in the fall but has been in constant contact with mentors. L. Wetzel asked if there is a charge for the program. Compton replied that it is free at this time, and will require students to attend the program for half a day (3 hrs.) Monday through Friday for the two weeks prior to classes. K. Baird asked for clarification that if a student does not participate in Bridge, then under the proposal, they are denied admission. K. Compton replied that they would be denied admission for that semester and perhaps referred to Passport. Senators asked about the funding for the program, and VC Wafa indicated that funding for the program is available. K. Compton said that the pilot spent just over $2000 on program, part of which came from community member donations. K. Baird motioned to accept the proposal as recommended by Academic Affairs. L. Wetzel seconded the motion. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

- J. Poulsen reviewed the Admissions Priority Date proposal, which had been revised following discussion at prior Faculty Senate meetings, and asked that the Senate vote on the policy. G. Miller and L. Wetzel asked if the committee intended the priority date to apply to everyone or just those in the CACA category. J. Poulsen indicated the priority date would apply to all students, but only the CACA students would be firmly cut off on that date, per the proposal. G. Miller asked Senate to consider if this is the right time for the policy, or if it will cause students to self-select when we’re trying to grow programs. VC Wafa stated that if this policy will send the wrong signal, the timing may not be right. D. Gardner stated that the deadline could actually have a positive effect by encouraging students not to procrastinate; it may not be all negative. This effort will smooth the process for many students. We can certainly bring some public relations intelligence to sell it in the right way. T. Clerkin stated that we could consider incentives for enrollment. G. Felsten stated that we could use language that makes it sound encouraging. K. Baird motioned for the policy to return to the committee for further work. L. Wetzel seconded the motion. B. Hass Jacobus stated that the policy has already been sent back to Academic Affairs for rewording, and the committee made the changes that were discussed. If the Senate votes to send it back to committee [rather than voting against the policy in general, namely the establishment of a priority deadline], the Senators need to clearly communicate to the committee the changes that they want to be made, otherwise there will be no progress, because there is a disconnect between what the committee’s Division representatives bring to the table and the Senators’ response to the policy on behalf of their Divisions in Faculty Senate. Much discussion ensued. It was determined that the CACA students do not meet the minimum admission requirements and are admitted on a case-by-case basis, so a policy is not needed to justify rejecting their application, and the passage of the Bridge policy means that those students cannot be admitted if they apply too late to attend the Bridge program. Some indicated that a deadline is needed for the CACA applications, but the priority date for all students needs to be examined. The motion to return the policy to the committee for further work passed 9-2.

B. Hass Jacobus asked, for the sake of time, if the remaining committees had anything to report not already stated in the monthly minutes posted to the web. All committee chairs present indicated all information could be found in the minutes.
**Announcements**

- Faculty Colloquium: Dan Rusu will present at 12:00 p.m.
- A. Howland indicated that a call has been sent out for Student Leadership Awards nomination.
- The retirement party for D. Wilhelm will be held at 3 p.m. in the Summerville Room.
- K. Baird will take over as the new interim Division Head of Education when D. Winikates becomes the head of the Academic Assurance office.
- L. Wetzel indicated that adjunct faculty are requesting a location in the CC building to use between classes. The faculty/staff area on the 2nd floor can be utilized.

**Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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Next Meeting: Friday, March 25 at 9:30 a.m. in CC 176