IUPUC Faculty Senate Minutes  
Convocation Meeting [Approved]  
Wednesday, August 15, 2012


C. Brandon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda  
C. Brandon

- Chris Brandon presented the Convocation and Senate with a proposed agenda for the meeting.

Vice Chancellor & Dean’s Report  
VC & D M. Wafa

- Vice Chancellor Wafa praised the faculty and staff for a productive year past. He highlighted the ongoing work of the Office of Institutional Research under Deb Winikates, stressing its importance in relation to the ongoing Higher Learning Commission process. He reported that he had a leadership retreat and workshop at IUPUI. He reflected on the pedagogical challenges of teaching a generation of multitasking students, and the implications for help succeed so that they can be retained and graduated. Dr. Wafa stressed the importance of degree programs, and particularly highlighted the debut of the new masters in mental health counseling program.

Faculty President Report  
C. Brandon

- Chris Brandon discussed the role of the Faculty President, the Executive Committee, and the Senate in faculty and campus governance. He also discussed the unfilled position of Senate Secretary.
- At Chris’s invitation, Gary Felsten discussed the role of the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, in relation to program development; faculty development, including issues related to promotion and tenure; retention and graduation issues; and other issues.
- At Chris’s invitation, Cathy Brown spoke about the work of the Center for Teaching and Learning, including the new mission statement. She discussed the pending semester’s opportunities for professional development, and other initiatives relevant to the work of the CTL, including those related to serving learning.

Committee Reports

Executive  
C. Brandon

- No report.

Academic Affairs  
D. Gardner(acting)

- Doug Gardner, acting chair, reported on the work of the committee during the past year, and discussed pending work for the coming semester, such as the late withdrawal policy and issues related to general education.

Faculty Affairs  
M. Oakes

- Michael Oakes discussed issues related to this committee, including especially the course evaluation process.

Budgetary & Resources Policy  
K. Wills

- Kathy Wills discussed the role of the Budgetary & Resources Policy committee, being sure to stress that the committee has no budget authority.

Constitution and Bylaws  
K. Baird (vice E. Dill)

- In the absence of Emily Dill, Kate Baird made a report, discussing the desire to make changes once a semester.

Nominations Committee  
A. Carmon
Pending
• Anna Carmon explained the nomination and election processes of interest to the Senate and the faculty. She stressed the development of a time line to govern election processes in a uniform way.

Student Affairs
• Ann Styron discussed the role of the Student Affairs committee, including the new arrangements made with Solutions regarding student mental health assistance.

New Business
• Dr. Wafa described the work and composition of various administrative and other committees. Dr. Wafa announced that Frank Wadsworth will be a IUPUC representative to the IUPUI Promotion and Tenure committee, and that Tom Clerkin will be a representative to the IUPUI Sabbatical committee. Dr. Wafa introduced Julie Goodspeed-Chadwick and Kathy Wills as newly-tenured members of the IUPUC faculty.
• Chris Brandon discussed the challenges facing education in the new century, including video material from the Web.
• Doug Gardner, at the suggestion of several of his constituents, suggested that the Senate resolve the issue of choice of the Senate Secretary. After several senators declined the opportunity, Doug Gardner agreed to add the post to his duties.
• Dr. Wafa noted that working toward promotion for lecturers and clinical faculty would be an important initiative for the coming year.

Adjournment
• The meeting adjourned at 10:00.