

**Indiana University
Bloomington Faculty Council
Summary of Actions Taken 2017-2018**

Resolution Concerning Learning Environments at Indiana University

The Bloomington Faculty Council adopted a resolution in support of Provost Robel's decision to convert Woodburn 100, containing the Benton Murals, to public lecture and gallery space.

-Adopted November 7, 2017

[Read the resolution](#)

Amendments to Policy BL-ACA-D7

Elected Policy Committees in Schools and Colleges

The Bloomington Faculty Council approved changes to the existing policy to update the names of the campus policy committees.

- Approved December 5, 2017

[Read the updated policy](#)

Resolution Opposing the Taxation of Tuition Waivers

The Bloomington Faculty Council adopted a resolution stating the faculty's support for President McRobbie's statement denouncing the reclassification of tuition waivers as taxable income. The resolution urged the administration to develop a strategy to protect the students, staff, and faculty of Indiana University from increased financial burden should such measures be enacted.

-Adopted December 5, 2017

[Read the resolution](#)

Establishment of Policy BL-ACA-I26

Royalty Policy for Instructor-Developed Classroom Materials

The Bloomington Faculty Council adopted a policy for all instructors who receive financial compensation exceeding the cost of production from assigning materials they have developed in any course they teach or in a course in which they have meaningful influence over the assignment of materials. The policy sets criteria for receiving royalty compensation, as well as reporting requirements of such royalties, such that they align with the University's Conflict of Interest policy.

-Adopted December 5, 2017

[Read the policy](#)

Amendments to Policy BL-ACA-A3

Bloomington Campus Policies for Non-Tenure-Track Instructional Appointees

The Bloomington Faculty Council approved changes to the existing policy to update reporting requirements of the Instructional Effort Report (IER) to reflect the availability of such data online.

-Adopted January 16, 2018

[Read the updated policy](#)

**Amendments to Policy BL-ACA-I25
Faculty Scholarly Activity Systems**

The Bloomington Faculty Council adopted amendments to the policy to clarify scope and implementation; foundational principles of peer review, disciplinary differences, and transparency and accuracy; and implementation issues regarding selection and use of scholarly activity systems. In addition, the changes specifically identify those responsible for review, decision-making, and remediation.

-Adopted February 6, 2018
[Read the updated policy](#)

**Recommendation to the University Faculty Council
regarding addition of third rank to the lecturer category**

The Bloomington Faculty Council adopted three recommendations to the University Faculty Council regarding the creation of a third rank in the Lecturer category. The first recommendation was to create a third rank in the Lecturer category. Secondly, the Council made recommendations for appointment and advancement criteria to this third rank. Finally, the Council recommended that this third rank be called "Teaching Professor."

-Adopted March 27, April 3 and April 17, 2018

Bloomington Faculty Athletics Committee Policy

The Bloomington Faculty Council adopted a new policy to clarify the composition and role of the Bloomington Faculty Athletics Committee. The policy is designed to complement a recently revised University athletics policy.

-Adopted April 3, 2018
[Read the policy](#)

**Amendments to BI-ACA-A8
Constitution of the Bloomington Faculty**

The Bloomington Faculty Council adopted several amendments to the Constitution of the Bloomington Faculty. The following amendments will need to be ratified by the Bloomington faculty before they are in effect.

- Reword and reorganize Article I: The Faculty to specify categories of faculty being referenced and to clarify voting rights of emeritus faculty;
- Change the definition of non-tenure track faculty to include Professors of Practice;
- Bring the Constitution and the Bylaws into agreement regarding the current practice for selecting members of the Executive Committee;
- Remove the specific timing requirement of the State of the Campus address;
- Remove the specific timing requirement for the distribution of BFC meeting agendas, and refers it to the bylaws;
- Set the minimum standards required for requiring a roll-call vote of the BFC;
- Open the Faculty Board of Review to all instructors for cases involving academic freedom, except student academic appointees who have a separate review board and process;
- Establish election units in four non-tenure-track faculty groups: clinical appointees; lecturer appointees; professor of practice appointees; and research scientist/scholar appointees. Election units will be determined by the Nomination Committee and ratified by the BFC;

- Requires that the number of voting tenure-track faculty and librarian representative be no less than 60% of the total voting membership of the Council;
- Remove the upper cap on the number of tenure-track faculty on the council; and
- Remove the College at-large representative.

-Adopted April 3 & April 17, 2018

**Amendments to BI-ACA-A8
Constitution of the Bloomington Faculty**

Three additional proposals remain, to be addressed by the Council in the 2018-2019 academic year. These amendments would:

- Reduce the number of at large seats from 10 to 5 and eliminate the seats dedicated to untenured faculty;
- Introduce placeholder language designed to maintain the numbering system in the Constitution; and
- Reduce the number of representatives from the Graduate and Professional Student Government from 4 to 3.