

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND

MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

MARCH 17, 2000

Members present: Sushma Agarwal, Peter Aghimien, Dean Alvis, Gretchen Anderson, Lori Arthur, Max Bailey, Wayne Bartholomew, Eileen Bender, James Blodgett, Linda Blodgett Peter Bushnell, Joseph Chaney, Karen Clark, Thomas Clark, Daniel Cohen, Nancy Colborn, Richard Cook, Joanne Detlef, Joanne Evanoff, Margarete Feinstein, Linda Fisher, Bridget Fong-Morgan, David Fred, Linda Fritschner, Frank Fujita, Patrick Furlong, Steven Gerencser, Karen Gindele, Jennifer Good, Alfred Guillaume, Charles Harrington, Amy Hazelwood, Marsha Heck, John Herr, Jerry Hinnefeld, Geraldine Huitink, Randall Isaacson, Neovi Karakatsanis, Mike Keen, Beth Kern, Gary Kern, Lester Lamon, John Lewis, Elisabeth Lucal, Ellen Maher, Douglas McMillen, Gwendolyn Mettetal, Thomas Miller, Elizabeth Mooney, Raman Muralidharan, Frederick Naffziger, Jonathan Nashel, Scott Opasik, Charles Quinn, Victor Riemenschneider, Gabrielle Robinson, Thomas Ross, John Russo, Michele Russo, Terence Ryan, Asghar Sabbaghi, Sara Sage, Pankaj Saksena, Margaret Scanlan, Elizabeth Scarborough, Andrew Schnabel, Roy Schreiber, Carolyn Schult, Morteza Shafii-Mousavi, Jannette Shaw, Dmitry Shlapentokh, Kevin Smart, Kenneth Smith, Yu Song, John Swanda, Susan Taylor, Monica Tetzlaff, Rebecca Torstrick, G. Trench, Doris Van Auken, Mark Van Lummel, Tom Vander Ven, Kathleen Vetter, David Vollrath, Lynn Williams, Nanci Yokom.

The meeting began at 10:05 AM

I. Chancellor's Report

1. Phil Suphal is cancer-free.
2. A \$250,000 bequest was received to serve our Nursing Program.
3. Mike Keen's new book has been selected to receive the North Central Sociological Association's Scholarly Achievement Award.
4. Nanci Yokom has been selected by a committee of peers to participate in the Harvard Leadership Program over the summer.
5. Christina Rios and Connie Ruhl-Smith have been selected to attend the Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration.
6. Higher spring enrollment numbers would have been desirable, but present numbers are acceptable.
7. A draft of the budget was shared with the Budget Committee a week ago and more details are being furnished to the committee at their request. A brief explanation about how the budget was apportioned revealed that since 1997, for the academic side of the House, the budget was increased by 11.2%, while the administrative side of the House has been increased by 7%. For this year the academic increase is 5.6% and the administrative increase is 3.8%.
8. The Art Gallery has been put out to bid and will be completed by fall.
9. President Brand approved the needs assessment. The needs assessment appears to have influenced the release of money for our campus which was, until now, withheld. We now have the task of finding ways to spent one-time money of about \$200,000.
10. The second Job Fair is underway at the Century Center today.
11. John Swanda, who is retiring, was thanked for his services to the University.
12. The bridge project is making progress with Tim Roemer's help.
13. The Mercer report is about ready to be presented to the Academic Senate.
14. The application rates are running ahead of where we were last year at this time.
15. A re-petition has been submitted to change the divisions to colleges and schools.

16. Stan Jones' statement relative to the community college initiative will be distributed. The Academic Senate is encouraged to read it and discuss its implications.

II. Call to order and Minutes

1. With a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 10:25 AM
2. The approval of the minutes was delayed until the April meeting.
3. The new officers of the Academic Senate were congratulated. The officers are:

President - Professor Vollrath

Vice President - Professor Blodgett

Secretary - Professor Colborn

At-Large Members- Professors L. Blodgett, Chen and Hall

UFC Representative - Professors Joray and Yokom

Faculty Board of Review - Professors Anderson, Bryant, Schnabel, Sutton and Shafii-Mousavi

The Faculty will be asked to re-elect members for the PTR Committee since there were errors on the last ballot for PTR member selections

III. Committee Reports

1. Athletics Committee The discussion of the report submitted in the last Senate meeting continued. The Athletics committee, represented by Professor Vander Ven, proposed that scholarship support for intercollegiate basketball continue at its present level. It was noted that Chancellor Perrin is working on finding ways to facilitate this.

Dan Cohen supported the motion and suggested expanding the Program. Pat Furlong opposed the motion that scholarship support for intercollegiate basketball continue at its present level. Ellen Maher questioned the attendance at games which historically has not been very good. Ken Smith and Randy Isaacson supported the motion. Mike Keen suggested that we gather more information about the issues before a vote is taken. The Athletic Director supported the motion and clarified issues related to housing of athletes which Pat Furlong referred to in his statement opposing the motion. Paul Herr supported the request for more information before a vote was taken. Dan Cohen urged that a vote be taken. James Blodgett supported taking the vote. Ellen Maher raised a point of information about the exact wording of the motion which would be voted on. It was clarified that a vote for the motion *that scholarship support for intercollegiate basketball continue at its present level*, (Senate Resolution 2000-9) would facilitate getting us to the new building which is, at minimum, twenty months away.

The Senate voted, resulting in the motion being carried.

2. Campus Directions Committee

Paul Herr reported on the Campus Directions Committee Revised Response to Community College Initiative. The entire document was attached to agenda for the March Senate meeting. The essence of the document is that IUSB is committed, by its services, to make community colleges unnecessary in this part of the State. It was noted that changes suggested by Faculty members were incorporated into the document.

Dan Cohen suggested that we focus more on our opposition to a new higher education system rather than ways we would support the initiative. Paul Herr responded by outlining the strategy of declaring what we are doing well and what we plan to do and therefore make unnecessary any further development of community colleges.

Pat Furlong voiced concern that there was not an additional request for financial support of such services as the library if it is proposed that IUSB serve additional students. Paul Herr responded by reading the last paragraph of the report which suggests that additional funding will be needed in the future to fully serve student needs in the state. Ellen Maher proposed a friendly amendment to page four of the document so that it would read: *With appropriate state assistance, we also propose to forge financial partnerships with the state to oversee and provide educational opportunities for state residents outside our immediate community.* The friendly amendment was moved, seconded and carried.

The motion to accept the amended Revised Response to Community College Initiative was seconded and carried. (Senate Resolution 2000-10)

3. Admissions Committee The Committee has withdrawn the Conditional Admissions proposal originally passed by the Committee in March, 1999, and referred back to the Committee at the October Senate meeting. The reason for referral back to committee was essentially that the process for removing the conditional status (specifically, for demonstrating college-level proficiency in reading, writing and/or mathematics) was not sufficiently stringent. Subsequent comments from other members of the Senate Executive Committee took the opposite position, i.e., that the policy was too strict and that it could have a negative effect on enrollments, and that it was unnecessary since the SAT scores of our incoming freshmen has been rising and are, on average, higher than those of any other campus save Bloomington.

The Committee requests that the Director of Admissions provide the Admissions Committee with written guidelines detailing current admissions policies and practices for the committee's approval. The Committee further requests that the Director of Admissions submit an annual written report to the Admissions Committee, describing any deviations from the established policy during the previous year as well as any changes the Director proposes be made to that policy. The Admissions Committee will review and approve or disapprove the proposed changes.

The Committee recommends to campus administrative officers that responsibility for advising special adult and special re-entry students be removed from the Admissions Office and given to the regular advisors responsible for other students of similar class standing.

The Committee will propose a resolution on the admission and advising of students with academic deficiencies for consideration at the next Senate meeting.

A quorum was lost at this point in the meeting. No old or new business was attempted.

IV. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Report

1. Dr. Swanda was thanked for his services to the University.
2. Doctors Garber and Smith were acknowledged for their search efforts to find Deans for the Division of Arts and the Division of Sciences.
3. Academic Affairs has engaged an outside marketing agency to promote our summer offerings. The advertisements, which were shown to the Academic Senate, focused on delivering messages to parents, students in high school and to students in the area who are pursuing degrees at Purdue and IU-Bloomington.
4. The general Education Task Force has been given the charge of developing a core curriculum for IUSB that helps define an IUSB education. The Task Force has been encouraged to go beyond traditional discipline boundaries to interdisciplinary approaches to learning. Members of the Task Force include: J. Hinnefeld, B. Withers, C. Sofhauser, J. Chaney, L. Hall, M. Heck, P. Aghimien, R. Cordell, R. Schreiber, R. Torstrick, W. Knight.

5. The Forgiveness Task Force is preparing a report which is due May 15. The Forgiveness Task Force includes T. Hengesbach, chair; T. Miller, P. Abetsiafa, K. LaMar Clark, M. Mancini, P. Aghimien, M. Makielski, K. Christopher.
6. The NCA Self-Study is now on the web. The Senate was encouraged to participate in the campus focus groups to discuss the document.
7. At the AAHE Faculty Roles and Rewards conference which the Vice Chancellor attended along with Randy Isaacson and Gwendolyn Mettetal, changes occurring in our campus culture and practice were presented in a round table discussion entitled "Encouraging, Documenting and Rewarding Service: Strategies for Change." Fliers for the new webbased journal, "Journal of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning," co-edited by Professors Mettetal, Isaacson and Gary Kern, were distributed.
8. Eugene rice of the AAHE will give the keynote address for the UCET and FACET collaborative conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning on April 14.
9. The Publications Reception will be held on April 28.

The meeting was adjourned.

Jannette Shaw
Secretary pro tem.