

# INDIANA UNIVERSITY EAST FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

October 5, 2004  
Whitewater – Room 132  
11:00 AM

**Presiding: Cathy Ludlum Foos, Faculty Senate President**

**Present:** Armstead, S.; Baker, D.; Baldwin, L.; Barton, G.; Baumann, P.; Blakefield, M.; Bullock, D.; Chang, W.; Clapp-Itnyre, A.; Cowling, J.; Doerger, D.; Englert, L.; Fell, M.; Felton, K.; Hamilton, S.; Harper, J.; Helton, E.; Huffman, E.; Jerzak, P.; Kirk, B.; Knuths, J.; Koenig, M.; Kriese, P.; Lafuze, J.; Ludlum Foos, C.; Mahaffey, J.; McFadden, B.; McFadden, S.; Morse, M.; Naaeke, A.; Nishihara, L.; Passet, J.; Peacock, F.; Pomper, M.; Powell, M.; Richards, L.; Rincon, L.; Rivard, T.; Roswell, R.; Sabine, N.; Scott, W.; Seddighin, M.; Slattery, E.; Szopa, A.; Thomas, T.; Thomas Evans, M.; Veramallay, A.; Williamson, M.; Winburn, E.

**Absent:** Bergen, M.; Bingaman, R.; Branstrator, P.; Braxton-Brown, G.; Clark, K.; Cooksey, A.; Curry, M.; Dempsey, K.; Dhawale, K.; Fitzgerald, E.; Folkerth, M.; Foos, M.; Frantz, D.; Fulton, D.; Goerss, B.; Humphries, P.; Jayasuriya, K.; Kreamelmeyer, K.; Lemming, E.; Marschall, T.; Meadow, L.; Osgood, T.; Ramsey, R.; Rankin, S.; Rao, V.; Roberts, M.; Roman-Royer, J.; Romero, M.; Rudmann, D.; Shapiro, S.; Stanforth, D.; Stolle, C.; Tolley, R.; Wagor, W.; Watkins, M.; Weber, G.; Wilde, J.

**Guests:** Brian Alenskis (Purdue Faculty); Bryan Kanney (Student Leader); Ben Young (Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Services)

## Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 AM by Cathy Ludlum Foos, Faculty Senate President.

### I. Approval of Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes of the September 21, 2004 meeting was presented. There were two corrections:

- Denise Bullock indicated the AAA report should read:

*“AAA had thirty student suspension appeals”* rather than *“thirty student grade appeals”*.

- Joan Lafuze indicated her request under the STUDENT LEADERS report was for an alternate title that would be more inclusive (of all religions).

The minutes were accepted as corrected.

### II. President's Report

The University Faculty Council Student Affairs Committee meets next Tuesday to discuss the rewrite of the Student Code of Conduct. On our campus, AAA will be reviewing the proposals; Denise Bullock is our campus representative to the UFC Student Affairs Committee and she is also on AAA.

The proposed reorganization of the School of Continuing Studies is being considered by the UFC University Planning Committee and Distinguished Education Committee. Our representatives to those committees are TJ Rivard and Joan Lafuze, respectively.

The Educational Policies Committee of UFC is reviewing the University Admissions Policy. Markus Pomper, who is chair of our AAA committee, is our representative to the UFC EPC.

### **III. Student LEADERS**

Bryan Kanney reminded everyone of the Leadership Conference scheduled for October 8. The Chat with the Chancellor, which is scheduled for October 13, 12-1 PM, will also include the Vice Chancellors. David Silberstein, Academic Advising, is working on a class schedule list for each major to provide to First Year students and Sophomores. Focus Groups will be held October 11 & 12. They will be discussing the Spring Class Schedule to gain feedback regarding the courses being offered and whether or not they are meeting the student body's needs. Please encourage your students to participate. Please let the Student LEADERS know if you would like to participate in the Holiday Celebrations Around the World (which may end up being called simply, Celebrations Around the World).

### **IV. Standing Committees**

#### **A. AAA Committee**

Markus Pomper reported one informational item. AAA had four student suspension appeals. All four were denied because they came in past the deadline.

#### **B. Nominating Committee**

Beth Slattery reported one voting item. Ballots were cast for three new members of the Faculty Board of Review. Mary Blakefield, Larry Englert, and Jerry Wilde were elected.

### **V. Chancellor's Report**

No report.

### **VI. Academic Affairs Report**

None.

### **VII. New Business**

None.

### **VIII. Discussion**

Mission Differentiation – there will be a campus discussion for each campus with the two Vice Presidents coordinating this initiative, Ken Gros Louis and Charlie Nelms. Ours is scheduled for October 20 1-5PM.

Faculty and Staff are encouraged to attend the meeting from 1-2:30PM. (Tentative schedule: 1-2:30PM – Faculty & Staff; 2:45-4:15 Alumni & Community Members; 4:15-5PM Student Body) A sign-up sheet was passed around.

The following questions are being used to direct the Campus Conversation for Mission Differentiation Project on each campus.

1. Is there currently consistency between written campus admissions policies and practices? Should admissions standards be changed in any way to achieve the student body profile the campus wishes to serve, given its stated mission and program focus?
2. Does the campus have the right degree levels and the appropriate mix of degrees to serve the needs of the student populations it has identified as its target population(s)? For example, will the campus continue to offer associate degrees as a core part of its mission?

What BA degrees are being added? What AA degrees should be phased out?

3. Does the campus currently have significant remedial offerings? If so, should that continue as a core part of the mission of the campus, or should admissions selectivity be increased to reduce the need for remedial courses and programs for students coming directly from high school?
4. What is currently the relationship between research/scholarship requirements/expectations and the mission of the campus? Should that relationship be changed in any way, and how should the campus address this as a campus mission issue?
5. What are the elements, factors or characteristics that tie all campuses together to make Indiana University one university with multiple campuses? Should general education be used for this purpose, or is there another common element that could better serve this purpose?
6. Should diversity of offerings within Indiana University be a goal for the future? For example, should IU campuses have differentiated missions by having different foci for different campuses, perhaps with some campuses beyond Bloomington and IUPUI having a statewide mission? Or should the regional campuses remain fairly homogenous as they are now?

**Discussion: What is the student population we want to serve?**

Neil Sabine asked if part of the problem is that we are not a residential campus. Wendy Chang indicated this is the first step in the process of deciding that. We need to decide what our desire is and take it to the President then we'll have to discuss the budget issues. Cathy Ludlum Foos asked if the commission has talked about this. Wendy Chang indicated that South Bend and Northwest have dorms.

Joan Lafuze indicated we have been asked to think about ways for integration for faculty and students. If we have a more integrated component it won't do away with our autonomy.

Wendy Chang said it's all about money. We have limited resources; we have to decide where to put resources for the greatest return, 1 or 2 focus areas. We want to be, but we cannot be all things to all people.

Cathy Ludlum Foos indicated that we need to decide whom we want to serve and in what direction we wish to go.

Whom do we want to serve?

Mort Seddighin asked if we service non traditional students do we need to add traditional? Currently we have about a 50/50. Peggy Branstrator believes we should continue to target both for various reasons. Mary Fell asked that we define "traditional students". The traditional student's age is now different than it used to be. They are older than kids just out of high school. Cathy Ludlum Foos asked if we need to broaden our focus to statewide. Frances Peacock noted we cannot shift our focus to statewide without dorms. Mary Ann Morse indicated we talk about diversity and we get different ages, backgrounds, etc. Joanne Passet said if we try statewide we could increase areas like Fine Arts. We need to be in sync with the other campuses on this.

Tom Thomas indicated that ten years ago the Fine Arts departments from each campus got together to catalog the different professors and their focuses. If we highlight an area like Fine Arts we have to be prepared to keep up with the changes in faculty. Cathy Ludlum Foos said alternately each campus could hire professors who support the campus focus.

Sheila Armstead indicated we should go statewide in an effort to educate individuals outside our community. Paige Jerzak indicated if we go statewide and build dorms we might attract more international students and faculty.

Neil Sabine asked whether we pay a penalty if we choose not to focus on a certain area and the others campuses do. Who makes the decision? Cathy Ludlum Foos said at this point each campus is deciding. She plans to speak with other Faculty Senate Presidents to see if things went as they expected and to ask questions to see what kinds of answers we get.

Larry Richards indicated we are the most rural of the IU campuses. He referenced Neil Sabine's question and said President Herbert feels strongly that this is an opportunity to find ways to distinguish ourselves. Cathy Ludlum Foos indicated she has the same impression that we determine our own direction. A lot will depend on how seriously we take it and on whether we have a good discussion with VPs Nelms and Gros Louis on Wednesday.

Lora Baldwin recommended we carve out a niche for home school students while they are still in High School.

Jerome Mahaffey wondered if Mission Differentiation should be statewide. If we have diverse focuses on the different campuses will we be able to convince people to "go away" to attend school in Richmond? He indicated this goes against the one-university mindset. It will take decades for this type of marketing to get others in to our campus. He believes we should stay locally focused.

Greg Barton suggested we keep key words in mind. If we say "non-traditional teaching" is that code for what we do? What kinds of consequences to scholarships will this have?

Alisa Clapp-Itnyre suggested our differentiation be "life long learning." It states who we are already; we just need to give a name to what we do.

Brian Alenskis reminded us that we change courses slowly. Even if we change to statewide, regional students will define us for now. What are our students' and regional business' & industry needs?

Larry Englert asked if we could think of ourselves as a broad-scope opportunity college? Think of the things we do well: we value students, community and teaching. We offer a small, personalized environment, but we're also Big 10.

Joan Lafuze said we use engaged learning. We are excellent at involving students in lab research and things students don't get on other campuses.

Mary Ann Morse indicated we do partnerships well.

Laverne Nishihara indicated she hasn't seen students travel across the state for our staggering research, etc. What we have not is agriculture, etc. Education is not listed in the summary of our top areas offered.

Cathy Ludlum Foos indicated we have small classes.

Brian Alenskis indicated that having dorms will change the dynamic of the campus and may have a negative impact on the commuter students.

**Meeting adjourned 12:15PM**