

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY EAST**  
**2006-07 FACULTY SENATE**  
**October 3, 2006**  
**Whitewater Hall – 132**  
**11:00AM**

**Presiding:** Markus Pomper, Faculty Senate President

*Present:* Armstead, S.; Baldwin, L.; Batdraw, J.; Baumann, P.; Bergen, M.; Bingaman, R.; Blakefield, M.; Bow, C.; Boys, S.; Braxton-Brown, G.; Buckner, B.; Bullock, D.; Chang, W.; Clark, K.; Connerly, P.; Cowling, J.; Curry, M.; Desantis, K.; Dhawale, K.; Doerger, D.; Fell, M.; Felton, K.; Folkerth, M.; Foos, M.; Frantz, D.; Fulton, D.; Harper, J.; Helton, E.; Jayasuriya, K.; Kirk, B.; Knuths, J.; Kriese, P.; Lafuze, J.; Lemming, E.; Ludlum Foos, C.; McFadden, S.; Morse, M.; Naaeke, A.; Nishihara, L.; Passet, J.; Pomper, M.; Ramsey, R.; Rankin, S.; Rao, V.; Richards, L.; Rivard, T.; Roswell, R.; Scott, W.; Shapiro, S.; Simon, J.; Slattery, E.; Stolle, C.; Thomas-Evans, M.; Tolley, R.; Weber, G.; Wilde, J.; Winburn, E.

*Absent:* Baker, D.; Barton, G.; Beck, V.; Branstrator, P.; Breymer, T.; Clapp-Itnyre, A.; Cooksey, A.; Dempsey, K.; Fitzgerald, E.; Henderson, T.; Huffman, E.; Humphries, P.; Kreamelmeyer, K.; Lundy, D.; Mahaffey, J.; McFadden, B.; Meadow, L.; Osgood, T.; Peacock, F.; Roberts, M.; Sabine, N.; Scales, T.; Seddighin, M.; Stanforth, D.; Thomas, T.; Watkins, M.; Williamson, M.

*Guests:* Ben Young, *Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Services*; Dennis Hicks, *Registrar*; Dan Dooley, *Director of Finance & Physical Facilities*; Joe Brandenburg, *Executive Director of University Advancement*

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:02am by Markus Pomper, Faculty Senate President.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to accept the minutes for the August 24, 2006 meeting was presented. The minutes were approved as presented.

**II. President's Report**

Two divisionally appointed committees have replacements. Tonya Breymer for Nursing will join the Workload Committee; John Cowling for Business will join the Budgetary Affairs Committee.

The slate for the campus Board for Grievances and Misconduct was selected at the last meeting. The Chancellor has selected Ed Fitzgerald, Laverne Nishihara, and Dan Doerger to serve as needed.

We held a few elections electronically since the last meeting. This process appears to have worked well with 51 votes submitted for one and 52 votes submitted for the other. Markus suggests we hold elections online whenever the opportunity arises.

Chancellor's search committee will be co-chaired by Cathy Ludlum Foos. A search firm has been selected. They will solicit candidates nationwide. They will have a campus visit on Wednesday, October 4, 3:30-5pm and Thursday, October 5, 7:30-8:45am in the Community Room.

The Board of Trustees has passed a resolution asking the University President to come up with a university wide General Education curriculum by February 2007. There have been rumors that the Trustees are willing to go to the legislature to impose general education upon us if we don't implement it first. The GE needs to be transferable between campuses and have enough meat in it to allow students to transfer between campuses and programs without having to duplicate coursework. The UFC Agenda Committee has decided to look at the individual campuses GE Curriculum to see which courses can be used to satisfy those criteria. The committee will take the list of 80 courses that the state has mandated we interchange with other state institutions (courses taken by many students during the freshman/sophomore year) to see which will meet

the GE requirement. This will hopefully satisfy the Trustees and keep them from imposing curriculum upon us.

A small committee has been appointed to look at the draft of GE being circulated in AAC. Members include: TJ Rivard, Mary Ann Morse, and Cheryl Stolle (UFC Educational Policy Committee Representative).

Question: Are we looking at courses that will transfer between IU Campuses as priority or courses that will transfer between state institutions? The primary objective is transferability between IU campuses.

### III. Standing Committee Business

#### A. Nominating Committee – Beth Slattery

**Voting item** - Amendment to bylaws (Cir E08-07): Lecturer Long Term Contract Review Committee election and membership.

A motion to approve the amendment to the bylaws as presented in Circular E06-07 and updated in Circular E08-07 was moved and seconded by the Nominating Committee. Clarification was requested whether this is a first reading. As this is the second reading the item is presented as a voting item. No further discussion was presented. The motion passed without opposition.

**Election outcomes** – Faculty Board of Review: Ed Fitzgerald and Mary Ann Morse; Lecturer Long Term Contract Committee: Rob Tolley, Michelle Curry and Edwina Helton will serve two-year terms and Sheila Armstead, Mardi Bergen, and Peggy Branstrator will serve one-year terms.

**Election** – Beth Slattery passed ballots for the Promotion & Tenure Committee to elect a replacement for David Frantz ('08) who stepped down. Greg Weber and Joan Lafuze should be stricken from the ballot. The outcome will be announced at the November meeting or electronically.

#### B. Curriculum Committee – Greg Weber

**Informational Item** – INFO-I 101 Introduction to Informatics is being brought forward from the Master Course List (Cir E09-07). One correction: the credit hours are 4 instead of 3 and it includes an online lab.

Discussion: It was asked whether the change from 3 to 4 credit hours allows this course to be more transferable between campuses. This requirement is standard for every Informatics degree developed so far.

#### C. AAA Committee – Michelle Curry

**First Reading** – Academic Forgiveness Policy (Cir E10-07)

Discussion: It was asked whether a certain portion can be forgiven or is it all or none? All or nothing, students cannot pick and choose.

What's the status of the technical implementation? Dennis Hicks checked with Carla Boyd (lead person for SIS). It is ready to go "live" in December. The challenge is that the SIS system is University wide (all 8 campuses) but on 5 campuses are looking to implement a "forgiveness" policy (aka "bankruptcy" and "fresh start"). Policy is not the same between campuses. A few items have been agreed upon: 1) The Cumulative IU GPA will not change and will not be impacted by grade forgiveness. 2) Program GPA will be forgiven based on the policy – prior work will still be transcribed but the GPA will be figured from a fresh slate. 3) The policy applies to IU East degree programs only – not system-wide degree programs.

It was asked whether a program that originates on a campus with a forgiveness policy will be covered by the originating campus's policy. Since those programs are considered "system-wide schools" the policy would not apply.

Clarification was requested for the difference between the IU GPA and Program GPAs. IU GPA is all courses taken on the IU campuses. Program GPA is courses taken to fulfill a specific degree program. Students must have a certain GPA within their major to graduate.

It was asked why students would choose this option. The key is that it's for students who did poorly and sat out for 5 or more years. The committee looked at this for the benefit of students who took classes and did poorly, stopped taking classes, and came back after 5 years. Could we consider allowing students to forgive select semester rather than all or none to allow students who have a rough year or semester after a great year or semester to apply for the forgiveness program? These students can utilize the FX policy up to 5 classes.

It was asked why the term "applied for" is being used under Scope #2. The reasoning was that once graduation has been applied for there are too many items in the works and forgiveness could take away a course considered during the audit process. The committee will look at rewording this statement.

Clarification was requested for Scope #3 whether students are experiencing a gap in enrollment in IU or any institute of higher education. The intent is Indiana University. The committee will look at rewording that.

Clarification was requested for the final paragraph.

On page two under "Use of Academic Forgiveness" it was recommended the sentence be changed from "advisor's permission" to "advisor's consultation" or something similar.

The committee will look at tweaking the language of the policy to help clarify some of these items.

### **Summer Scheduling**

Peoplesoft sets up the summer term as a 12 week session (regular term). From within that term the 6 week and 10 week sessions are created. It is being proposed that the 10 week session be moved to begin with the first 6 week session. As it stands now the 10 week students are not captured in the census until halfway through the session. Larry Richards would like to hear rationale for keeping the 10 week session at all.

AAA believes the faculty should have a chance to talk about the issue since it affects the calendar.

Faculty presented concerns about students financial aid availability; the 10 week session currently draws students from other campuses, as well as, high school students; we utilize high school instructors for daytime summer courses that will not be available if the session is moved.

### **D. Budgetary Affairs – Bob Ramsey**

The committee has not had it's first meeting yet. They are in the process of gathering information. Our campus is facing significant short and long term challenges. We currently have over a million dollar deficit. We need to increase enrollment. We can do that via marketing, increasing transfer students, improving retention rates, cutting costs. VCAA Richards has indicated his number one priority is to retain all full time faculty. We need to continue to offer BA & Graduate programs. Faculty and support staff are important. If you have any suggestions e-mail Bob Ramsey.

## **IV. Chancellor's Report**

The solution to the budget crisis is not just cutting budgets but creating revenue. We need to do a better job of retaining students. It is our obligation now to work with our 326 new degree seeking students to make sure they stay at IU East.

Larry Richards, Mary Blakefield, Mike Foos, Mary Ann Morse, Pam Connerly, Cheryl Stolle and the Chancellor visited the Commission for Higher Education last week with JT Forbes, the liaison for the University to the Commission. They discussed Biotechnology program. The Commission asked how we are accommodating mission issues at the beginning of a student's career? Are we working with Ivy Tech? What's our articulation policy? What's our transfer policy? What's our remedial program and how has it changed since Ivy Tech became the State Community College? Do we have a program similar to Indianapolis' pathway program?

We told them about our dual mission program, our joint financial aid program, and indicated that we have been trying to comply with the Commission's requirements.

They have decided we will be a Master's granting institution. They are putting both degrees on the Oct 13<sup>th</sup> agenda. The Biotechnology degree is being expedited. Since the Master's Degree is the first on this campus it will take a little more time.

Expanding baccalaureate and master's offerings are important for the viability of this campus.

Welcome to Joe Brandenburg. He is taking Brent Pieper's place as the Executive Director of University Advancement. Joe comes from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville where he was the head of fund raising for the school of nursing and the school of communication. He has a Master's in Public Administration and is from Connersville.

Cynthia Vaughn submitted resignation effective the end of October. Molly Vanderpool has been asked to chair the search committee. We hope to fill this position quickly as marketing is a critical part of our existence.

**V. Academic Affairs Report**

None.

**VI. New Business**

None.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.**